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Fears of bloodshed as military insurrection spreads

Alfonsin tells army to crush rebel troops

From Eduardo Cué, Buenos Aires

Argentina's President Alfonsin yesterday ordered the Argentine Army to regain control of two military installations which have been taken over by rebel officers demanding an end to the trial of military personnel for human rights crimes during the "dirty war".

The President issued the order at the end of a 2½-hour session with his top military commanders, as the rebellion at a garrison in Northern Argentina spread to a military school outside the capital.

"The President, as commander-in-chief, has ordered me to immediately put into motion the necessary steps to restore normality within the Armed Forces," declared the Army Chief of Staff, General Héctor Rios Ereñú.

He said that troops would be mobilized immediately to take over the 14th Infantry Airborne Division near the northern city of Córdoba and the Campo de Mayo Military Academy, 36 miles west of the capital.

General Ereñú gave no details of how many men would be mobilized for the operation or when it would take place. He said that except for a very limited number of soldiers the Argentine military fully supported the nation's constitutional authorities.

About 50 to 80 middle-ranking officers took over the Córdoba garrison on Thursday in support of Major Ernesto Guillermo Barreiro, who had refused to appear before a civilian court investigating torture and murder charges against him.

President Alfonsin met throughout the day with his top advisors in a fruitless effort to find a peaceful solution to the crisis. As the hours passed it became increasingly clear that the insurgent officers did not want to spark a military coup — but were instead trying to press the Government to end the human rights trials by declaring an amnesty.

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"The media is making this a problem between democracy and dictatorship. Nothing is further from our objective," said Lieutenant-Colonel Aldo Rico, who called himself the leader of the rebellion at the military academy.

"We don't have any problems with the political authorities," he added. "We are confronted with the failure of our military leaders."

His remarks echoed the demands of the officers holding the garrison near Córdoba, who on Thursday night asked for an amnesty law and demanded the removal of the top military commanders, specifically General Ereñú.

In a speech on Thursday night, delivered from the podium of the Chamber of Deputies, President Alfonsin categorically rejected any negotiation with the rebels and said that he would insist that the democratic institutions be respected.

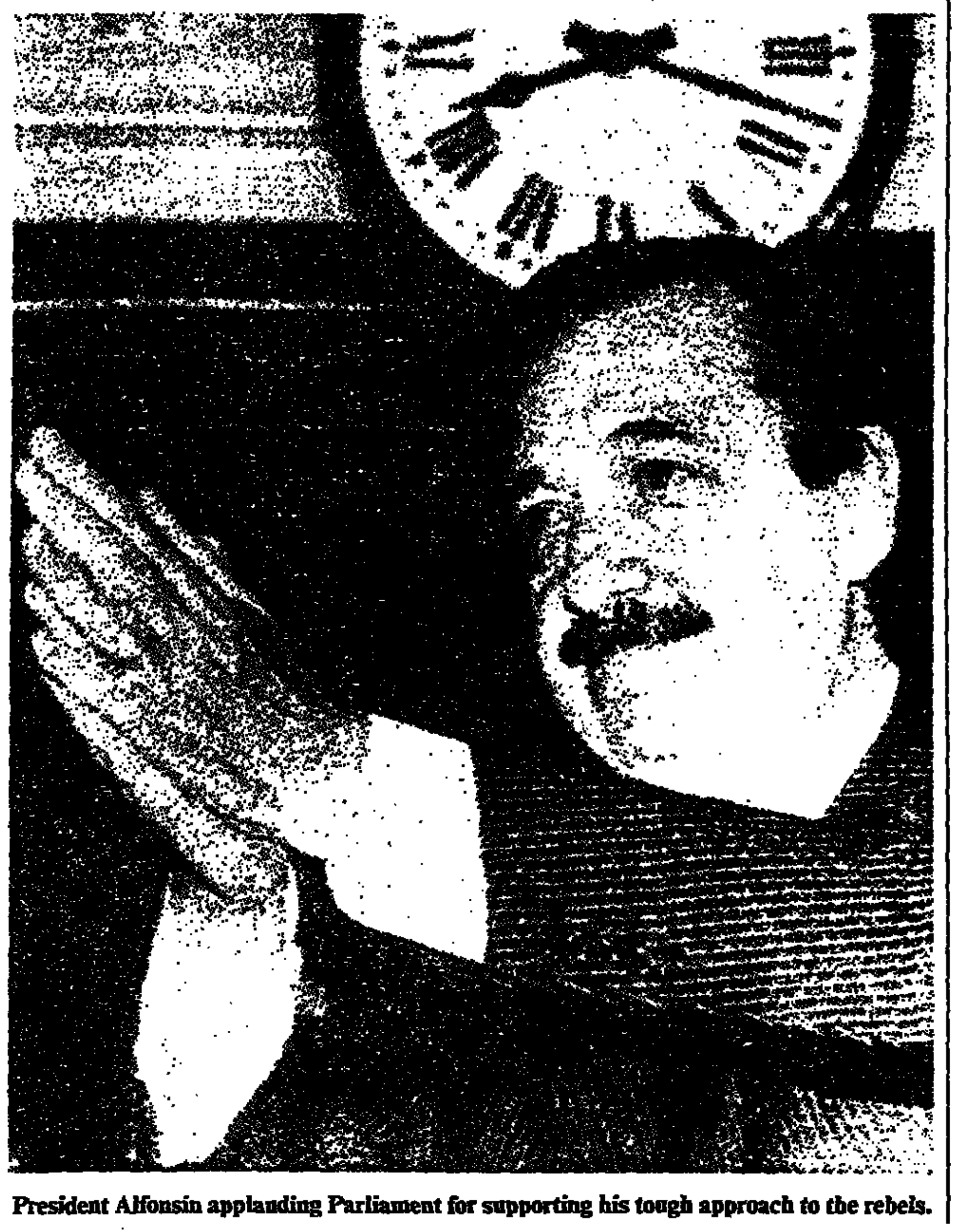
"I will make no concessions before any initiative or pressure that seeks to restrict the rights and the liberties that are the very nature of democracy," Señor Alfonsin said. "Neither will I make concessions to initiatives or pressures that prepare to limit, to condition, or to negotiate the equal submission of all citizens — with or without uniform — to the law."

Argentina lived through a calm Good Friday despite the seriousness of the crisis. The overwhelming impression here was that the dramatic events would strengthen both the democratic system and Señor Alfonsin's Government.

Much depends on whether the situation can be defused with a minimum of bloodshed.

The events have served to demonstrate the state of anxiety among the military's middle-ranking officers over the continuing prosecutions for human rights violations. It has also brought into the open the wide gap that exists between these officers and their top military commanders.

Colonel Rico said that about 100 men had joined him at the military academy. "We have an important force at our command and are ready to resist if we are attacked," he said.



President Alfonsin applauding Parliament for supporting his tough approach to the rebels.

Cabinet plans quick decision on nurses' pay

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

The Government has decided to make a swift decision over the pay of about 900,000 public servants as part of its strategy of clearing the decks for a possible June election.

The Prime Minister and Cabinet colleagues are expected to meet on Wednesday to discuss the recommendations of the four review-bodies whose reports were submitted to Downing Street earlier this week. An announcement could come after Thursday's Cabinet meeting.

Such a timetable would leave a three-week interval for any controversy to subside before Mrs Margaret Thatcher studies the results of the May 7 council elections and comes to a final decision about a June election. Last year, the Government replied to the review bodies on May 22.

The Prime Minister and colleagues from the Treasury and the health and defence departments are spending the Easter holiday studying the findings of the reports which cover salary levels among some 100,000 doctors and dentists, 450,000 nurses and midwives, 324,000 members of the Armed Forces, and 2,000 judges, top civil servants and senior service officers.

The recommended increase in the total pay bill is likely to be close to last year's £773 million, which was cut back to £578 million.

Yesterday, senior ministers and Conservative planners emphasized the importance of not allowing uncertainty about the fate of the reports to linger on into May, so giving the opposition parties an opportunity to attack the Government on one of its most vulnerable fronts with an election, in all probability, imminent.

One commented: "This is not an issue we can go on ducking".

Mr Roy Hattersley, the deputy leader of the Labour Party, has already promised that Labour would make available the money to implement in full the recommendations covering nurses and midwives.

The Government's deliberations about the fate of the reports comes against the background of growing pressure at all levels of the Conservative Party for the nurses to be treated generously.

One minister said yesterday: "Most of our people feel that something should be done about nurses' pay and conditions irrespective of the election. There is a real problem over retaining nurses in London.

"The last thing we want at this stage is a lot of aggro over the nurses."

Senior Tory strategists also stressed the political sensitiv-

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107 killed in Tamil new year bus attack

Colombo (Reuter) — The Sri Lankan Government called off its unilateral ceasefire yesterday to enable troops to hunt Tamil guerrillas who killed 107 people and wounded 60 in a bus ambush.

Rebels stopped three buses and two lorries near the eastern port of Trincomalee and sprayed bullets at the passengers, most of whom were Sinhalese.

A government spokesman said the 10-day ceasefire would end immediately. A 34-hour curfew had been imposed in Trincomalee.

The ambush was the worst attack on civilians since rebels fired on Buddhist pilgrims in Anuradhapura in May 1985, killing 145 people.

"The buses were running, then they were shot at and they crashed," the spokesman said. "The terrorists then sprayed them with gunfire and afterwards robbed the victims."

He said the guerrillas belonged to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam and that the passengers were returning home after the Sinhalese and Tamil New Year holidays.

The attack came on the seventh day of the ceasefire which the Government said would enable both the Sinhalese and Tamil communities to celebrate peacefully their New Year which started last Tuesday.

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Key Thatcher role in missile accord

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Reagan is planning urgent, personal consultations with West European leaders to establish a united Nato response to the Soviet proposals for the elimination of intermediate-range missiles from Europe. The next few weeks are regarded as critical.

After being briefed by Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, on his Moscow talks, Mr Reagan said in California that he was optimistic about a Euro-missiles agreement this year.

He expressed hope that he and Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, would complete "an historic agreement" on East-West relations at a summit meeting. But he emphasized that there must be a substantial agreement that would make it worthwhile to have a summit.

There is a clear sense of urgency in the White House.

The President plans to stay in close contact with Mrs Thatcher, whose role in pulling the principal allies together before Mr Shultz went to Moscow is regarded as pivotal. He has given her and the other allies a strong personal assurance that he will not make an arms deal with Moscow without thorough consultations.

The Administration hopes she will play a key role in getting the European partners together into a unified response by the end of this month, or early in May, to Mr Gorbachov's offers.

Mr Kenneth Adelman, the head of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, said yesterday that there would be no US-Soviet deal on eliminating shorter-range missiles from Europe unless America's allies agreed.

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● The Times Portfolio Gold weekly competition prize of £16,000 — *double the* usual amount because there was no winner last week — was shared yesterday *by* four readers. The daily prize of £8,000 — also double because of no winner the previous day — was shared by three. Details, page 3.

●There is no game today or on Easter Monday.

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Trident will cost more than the NHS, voters tell defence study

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

The Government faces a big task in convincing voters of the true cost of the Trident missile programme, according to a Gallup Poll on defence questions published today. The poll that most people think it is more expensive than the National Health Service.

With defence likely to be a key issue in an election campaign, the Gallup findings prove that in many areas, particularly nuclear, voters in all three leading political parties are suffering from basic misconceptions.

The voters who took part in the poll were asked whether the annual cost of Trident, which is to replace the Polaris missile deterrent, was more or less than the annual expenditure on the NHS.

The correct figures are an annual average of £658 million on Trident over 15 years, compared with a yearly £17.7 billion on the NHS, excluding social security. The current estimated total bill for Trident is £9.8 billion.

Yet 50 per cent thought that the NHS was less expensive and 24 per cent said they did not know the answer.

The same misunderstanding was shown when the voters were broken down into parties: 44 per cent of Conservative voters, 59 per cent of Labour and 49 per cent of Liberal/SDP Alliance put Trident above the NHS for government expenditure.

The poll also shows that the majority of voters (60 per cent) believes that the average annual cost of three more tank or mechanized divisions, fully equipped and maintained, would be less than the yearly cost of Trident.

The Ministry of Defence, however, says that the cost of establishing just two armoured divisions (600 tanks) would be nearly twice that of Trident over its procurement period of about 20 years.

There is confusion, too, over Britain's defence budget and the amount spent on nuclear forces.

Nearly 40 per cent had no idea what percentage of Britain's gross national product was taken up with defence spending and only two per cent gave even a nearly correct answer: 5 per cent.

On the question of nuclear expenditure, 3 per cent said it was less than 5 per cent of the annual defence budget and 16 per cent thought it was 25-49 per cent. The correct answer is 3.5 per cent.

Despite the fundamental misunderstandings over British defence spending, the Gallup findings reveal that voters have a clearer picture of the armed forces' comparisons between Nato and the Warsaw Pact: 44 per cent of people sampled, compared with 30 per cent in a similar poll in December 1985, believed that the Warsaw Pact had superiority in conventional weapons.

At least the Americans seem to have got their message across to the public over their Star Wars project, with 61 per cent believing it to be a defensive programme, compared with 19 per cent who thought it was a means of attacking the Soviet Union.

However just 3 per cent knew that the Russians have the only anti-ballistic missile defence system in operation, the silo-based Galosh missile complex around Moscow.

The poll was conducted on behalf of the Foundation for Defence Studies, a non-political group whose council includes Field Marshal Lord Bramall, the former Chief of the Defence Staff and Lord Trenchard, the former Conservative defence minister.

Lord Bramall said yesterday: "There is still a considerable need for widespread dissemination of the facts so that the British people can decide on the best defence policy".

The poll took a representative sample of 912 people, aged 18 and over in more than 100 sampling points on March 26-30.

US marshals seize Hart contributions

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Federal marshals walked into a glittery Hollywood fundraising event for Mr Gary Hart, the debt-ridden frontrunner for the Democratic presidential nomination and seized $30,000 (£18,750) in contributions under a writ obtained by one of his creditors.

Mr Hart's campaign still owes $1.3 million from his 1984 bid for the nomination. Many creditors have been outraged by offers of partial payment to settle their claims.

While Mr Hart chatted at the $500-a-person gathering to finance the 1988 race early this week the marshals presented a writ of attachment and walked off with all the cheques and cash.

Acting Chief Marshal, Mr John Freeman, said the seizure was handled quietly in a corner of the smart Palace nightclub, and most guests were unaware that their contributions had been taken. The marshals were acting on a writ obtained by one of the creditors a firm that placed television advertisements for him in California but is still waiting for its $105,000 fee.

Mr Hart's 1984 campaign has 60 creditors, all of whom have been promised their money before the first formal votes of the 1988 primary campaign are cast.

Mr Hart's campaign staff said the seizure would turn out to be invalid because the cheques were made out to "Friends of Gary Hart, 1988", which has no debts and $1.63 million (£1 million) in the bank.

Callaghan blasts 'gay bias'

By Our Political Reporter

Mr James Callaghan, the former Labour prime minister, last night stepped into his party's internal dispute over its policy towards alternative lifestyles by saying that he and many other people "recoiled" from proselytizing homosexuals and lesbians.

Echoing the Labour leadership's recent warning that the high profile adopted by some activists over the isssue was costing the party votes in London, he said there should be a "certain reticence" in the way such matters were discussed.

Mr Callaghan, who is not standing at the next election, argued that aggressive campaigning on behalf of minority groups proved counter-productive.

Tolerance of their rejection of conventional mores was more likely to lead to their acceptance by society, he said in an interview with Mr Brian Walden on Channel 4.

Mr Callaghan expressed strong support for traditional social ties, saying that the "nuclear family is the most loving you can have".

Meanwhile, Labour's internal tensions over the issue surfaced again as a leading woman activist attacked the "narrow blinkered attitude" of the party leadership.

Miss Ann Pettifor, a member of the executive of the party's women's action committee argued that Labour had to broaden its powerbase by appealing to all oppressed groups.

Patenting a brave new world on animal farm

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington

The US Government is to allow inventors to patent new forms of animal life created through gene splicing in a decision fraught with ethical and moral controversies. Eventually, new genetic characteristics in humans could also be commercially protected.

The new policy will be announced officially by the Commerce Department's patent and trademark office next Tuesday. A coalition of animal welfare groups and public policy organizations has already been formed to fight the decision.

"One can infer from this that the entire creative process in higher forms of life, including human life, is going to be redirected or controlled to satisfy purely human ends." Dr Michael Fox, a veterinarian and scientific director of the Humane Society of the United States, said. "We are not only playing God, we are assuming dominion over God."

The new policy recognizes the pace of breakthroughs in reproductive technologies involving animals. Genes from different species are mixed to produce commercially valuable traits, such as cows that give more milk or pigs carrying less fat.

Current research opens up the possibility of creating entirely new kinds of livestock. Researchers believe it will eventually be possible to mix animal, plant, microbe and human genes into animal embryos to produce custom-designed animals. The ability to patent such developments could be worth billions of dollars to the inventors and companies that commercialize the technology.

At the University of California, researchers have fused a goat embryo with a sheep embryo and produced a living biological chimera they have called a "geep". It is a frail creature that cannot reproduce.

The new policy specifically bars the patenting of new genetic characteristics in human beings, but there is widespread speculation that new human traits will in due course be covered.

● **Fears of experts:** The policy has important economic consequences for the biotechnology of industry and agriculture, the fields in which much of the research is being conducted, according to scientists and farming experts (The New York Times reports).

For instance, researchers at the Department of Agriculture's research station in Beltsville, Maryland, have inserted a human growth hormone gene into pig embryos to make pigs grow faster. The experiment produced a line of pigs that has passed the human trait to offspring. The animals are leaner than naturally bred pigs, but they suffer from several debilitating ailments, including crossed eyes, severe arthritis in the joints and susceptibility to disease.

Critics said they found the policy chilling and would fight to have it rescinded. "In literally one stroke, the Patent Office has moved society into a commercialized brave new world," said Jeremy Rifkin, president of the Foundation on Economic Trends and a prominent opponent of genetic engineering. "What they have done is legitimize the privatization for commercial profit of the entire animal kingdom. Living things are to be considered no differently than chemical products or automobiles or tennis balls."

Farming specialists said they feared several other outcomes: Patent protection might spur large breeding concerns and biotechnology companies to gain control of livestock sales; the policy could further reduce the biological diversity of farm animals and possibly put the nation's food supply at risk.

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Salvage crew set to refloat ferry

The wrecked British car ferry Herald of Free Enterprise is to be brought back into Zeebrugge port early next week.

Salvage workers expect to start pumping water out of the 7,951-ton vessel on Monday and hope to bring it into port later that day, unless bad weather delays work.

The confirmed death toll in the disaster stands at 174, with 113 corpses recovered since the wreck was righted. Officials expect that once the ferry is refloated, more bodies will be found in the lower decks.

Alert over war relics

Police evacuated seafront bungalows yesterday when workmen digging out the foundations of a demolished bungalow found 21 Second World War "Molotov cocktails" at Pagham, West Sussex.

One of the phosphorus-filled glass bottles made by the Home Guard for throwing down tank hatchways cracked and began to smoke.

An Army bomb disposal team from Aldershot carried the makeshift hand grenades to the holiday beach near by, which police had sealed off, and they were blown up.

Duchess on a bike

The Duchess of Kent has launched an "on your bike" campaign by going on training sessions with nine Norfolk policemen who are cycling from Land's End to John O'Groats starting on June 5.

The Duchess has been cycling around Sandringham with the policemen to boost their efforts to raise funds for the BBC *Children in Need Appeal*.

The Duchess, who fell off her bicycle during one session, said yesterday: "Children have never been more in need. The policemen's effort is marvellous".

Boy dies on stake

A boy who tried to climb a garden wall to retrieve a football died after being impaled on a foot-long stake he was carrying.

Ashley Hammond, aged 15, of Soames Crescent, Longton, Staffordhsire, was found to be dead on arrival at hospital on Thursday.

He had been playing football with friends in Heathcote Street, Longton, when the ball went into a garden.

An inquest will be held after the Easter holiday

Fast car monarch

King Husain of Jordan test drove high-performance sports cars during a secret visit to the Lotus plant in Norfolk, it was disclosed yesterday.

The monarch, known for his love of fast cars, made several circuits of the company's test track before meeting engineers at the Team Lotus Formula One works.

Lotus declined to say whether King Husain placed any orders during his visit which was cloaked in high security.

Talks start on dispute

Talks on the Caterpillar tractor factory dispute are to be held on Tuesday at the Glasgow headquarters of Acas, the conciliation service.

Unions and management met yesterday for the first time since workers occupied the factory at Uddingston, near Glasgow, 13 weeks ago. The company wanted to close the factory with the loss of 1,200 jobs.

Teachers step up drive against Baker

By Sarah Thompson
Education Reporter

The two big teachers' unions will make plans in the next few days for forcing their campaign for the restoration of negotiating rights into the limelight during a general election campaign.

The general secretaries of the National Union of Teachers and the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers have issued warnings at teachers' rallies that strike action could continue throughout a general election campaign.

They were promptly condemned by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, for using children as "political cannon fodder".

Although neither union has yet committed itself to election strikes, their Easter conferences are expected to decide on a work-to-rule involving their total membership of more than 350,000 as soon as Mr Baker's imposed contract comes into force on April 30.

The replacement of the ill-starred Burnham committee on teachers' pay with a three-year advisory committee has pushed pay off the top of the conference agendas. The key issue this Easter is the removal of bargaining rights.

The union leaders are expected to recommend caution over strike action during an election campaign. A spokesman for the NUT said that the executive was still "considering how strike action could affect the public view of the various political parties".

Next Tuesday the NUT executive will put to its 1,800-delegate conference in Eastbourne a motion calling on teachers to lobby parliamentary candidates.

Similar steps will be taken at the NAS/UWT conference in Bournemouth on Wednesday.

Competition for contracts saving NHS £86m a year

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Private firms running hospital ancillary services are saving the National Health Service nearly £26 million a year, according to a survey published today.

The survey, by the Public Service Research Centre and published in a joint report with the Public and Local Service Efficiency Campaign (Pulse), shows that health authorities are saving £25,898,000 annually through about 190 private contracts for catering, cleaning and laundry services.

"This is equivalent to the cost of an *extra* 2,100 *junior* hospital doctors", Pulse says.

The latest figures from the *Department of Health* and Social Security show that, overall, the NHS is saving £86 million a year after putting 75 per cent of its ancillary services out to competitive tender. The Government had originally asked for all ancillary services to be put out to tender before September 1986.

In-house tenders have won 936 of the contracts, nearly five times as many as the private sector. However, the savings in these cases has been significantly smaller than those achieved by the private sector, mainly because private firms have been attracted to the larger more profitable tenders.

A breakdown of regional savings confirms wide geographical variations in the extent of privatization. The survey shows that the bulk of private contracts have been awarded in the South, particularly in the London region.

The North-west Thames region has saved more than £5 million through private contracts out of a total saving of £8.6 million through competitive tendering; South-west Thames has gained £4.7 million out of a total of £6.9 million, and North-east Thames £2.5 million out of total savings of £8.3 million.

Private firms have won a number of contracts in the Mersey region, saving it £1.3 million.

Privatization has been less successful in the Northern, Trent and Wessex regions where savings from private contracts alone have been £260,666, £357,084 and £345,000 respectively.

● A decision by an Alliance-controlled local authority to bring back into public ownership its street cleaning and refuse collection services is severely criticized in a research centre/Pulse report.

Eastbourne District Council in East Sussex privatized its services five years ago when a contract was won by a commercial company. But today's report accuses the council of failing to maximize efficiency through competition and of bringing the service under municipal control again for political motives.

"The maximization of savings, which could have been achieved by a full competitive process was lost".

Last month, the council, on which the Alliance outnumbers Conservatives by 16 to 13, announced that it would bring its refuse services back into public ownership.

The report says that an internal analysis of the two tenders for the service by the chief executive of the council and director of technical services found that the private bid "represents better value for money for the council", and that the in-house bid lacked resources, making it £85,000 more expensive.

Public Service Review (Public and Local Service Efficiency Campaign, PO Box 548, London EC4V 5JQ).

Embassy runaway's wife 'ill'

By Howard Foster

The wife of the Irish diplomat, Kevin McDonald, wanted for questioning in connection with allegations of the sale of forged passports was said last night to have been taken ill.

Members of Mrs McDonald's family refused to open the door of their home in Chiswick, west London, to journalists wishing to talk to her about her husband's actions and whereabouts.

She is reported to have told one newspaper that she has no idea of his whereabouts.

Mrs McDonald — formerly Hamedeh Hamedi, an Iranian actress — is said to be pregnant. She and her missing husband married last January having met four months before.

Allegations in *The People* newspaper referred to the sale of forged passports at the Irish Embassy in London at up to £15,000 each to customers that included Libyans.

The fear that terrorists might get hold of such falsely-issued passports has led to a Scotland Yard inquiry and to the recall of Mr McDonald from his post as a passport officer in the London embassy back to Dublin.

It was when he failed to return to Dublin last Monday, as ordered, that British police decided to start interviewing his friends and associates.

Still twinkling after 30 years

Patrick Moore, the astronomer, who is celebrating 30 years of television star gazing, at the BBC Television Centre, west London, yesterday.

Mr Moore, aged 64, who has never missed an episode of the monthly BBC science programme, *The Sky At Night*, since it was launched in April 1957, believes it is the world's longest-running television show.

He said that when he first went on the air, the space age had not begun and missions to the moon were regarded as pure science fiction.

"Within a few months, much was changed. Sputnik 1 soared aloft, and was tracked from Jodrell Bank, miraculously transforming Sir Bernard Lovell from an eccentric spendthrift into a national hero."

He has no plans to retire. "I doubt if I will see another 30 years, since this would bring me to the advanced age of 94. But one never knows", he said. (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

Royal treasures

Queen Mother lends gems

By Tony Dawe

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, always regarded in the nation's eyes as a more glittering jewel than the Duchess of Windsor, is about to outshine her once more.

She has agreed to send some of her most precious gems to a unique exhibition this summer, and they are bound to be even more sparkling than the Duchess' collection which raised over £30 million at auction earlier this month.

The announcement that the Queen Mother's jewels will form part of an exhibition being mounted by Cartier, the royal jewellers, at the King's Lynn Festival in July was made yesterday. Her rare gesture is a sign of her continuing support for the Norfolk festival, which she serves as patron and has attended for every one of the last 36 years.

Details of which jewels will go on show have yet to be finalizsed. "All I can say is that it will be an exhibition of beautiful, delightful pieces of jewellery", Mr Joseph Allgood, Cartier's vice-chairman said yesterday.

Last night leading jewellers were speculating about the items which might be included. Their best clue is that the exhibition will concentrate on "La Belle Epoque" and is likely to include some of the gems presented to the Queen Mother on her marriage to the future King George VI in 1923.

Her most precious present was a "suite" of diamonds and sapphires from Queen Mary, comprising earrings, a brooch, necklace, bracelet and ring.

Since romantic links featured so prominently in the Duchess of Windsor's collection, visitors to the King's Lynn festival will be hoping to see some of the Queen Mother's most personal gems. They include a flower brooch with dangling diamonds, given to her by the King early in their marriage, which she still wears in public in memory of him.

Sadly for the curious, her favourite piece, the "Regal Tiara" comprising 2,678 diamonds and several rubies in an Indian design, will not be on show. It is just too valuable to risk exhibiting.

The idea to take the Cartier exhibition to King's Lynn came from Mr Allgood, who is moving into the area. The Queen Mother had lent items of jewellery for previous Cartier exhibitions and said she would be "delighted" to do so for the King's Lynn festival.

The festival was founded by Ruth, Lady Fermoy, the Queen Mother's Lady in Waiting. The Queen Mother stays at Sandringham House each summer so she can attend several concerts and exhibitions at the festival which she has popularised and helped to develop. She is expected to attend the jewellery exhibition soon after it opens on July 24.

British training forces in Sri Lanka defended

By Nicholas Beeston

A Home Office minister yesterday defended the role of former British servicemen training security forces in Sri Lanka, claiming they were helping to improve the standard of military discipline on the island.

Mr David Waddington, who returned to London yesterday after a four-day visit to Sri Lanka, confirmed that about 20 Britons were engaged in counter-insurgency training against Tamil separatists.

"If there is a problem of lack of discipline it seems perfectly reasonable for the Sri Lankan authorities to seek help from outside", he said, emphasizing that the British were "not mercenaries" and that they were hired by an independent British company with no ties to the Government.

The Jersey-based company, Keeny Meeny Services Ltd, which has offices in west London, has recently come under public scrutiny because of its alleged involvement in the arms for Iran affair.

The company, which guarded British embassies in trouble spots until 1982, is accused of providing personnel for US-backed Contra operations against the Sandinista government in Nicaragua.

KMS, which is headed by Major David Walker, a former SAS member, has been training a police commando unit in Sri Lanka for the past two years. Security experts from other countries, including Israel, have also been hired.

Mr Waddington, whose trip was aimed primarily at reviewing visa processing at the British High Commission in Colombo, said he had travelled to the northern and eastern provinces of Sri Lanka, where the separatist campaign by the minority Tamil community has led to a bloody civil war.

Labour split on eve of poll

By Our Parliamentary Staff

A split in the Labour Party which has produced two sets of Labour candidates for the district council elections on May 7 is threatening party unity in two vital Teesside constituencies.

The Labour dispute in the borough of Langbaurgh, which began more than two years ago over private sector involvement in the refurbishment and sale of houses on a council estate, has reached a climax on the eve of the local elections with the withdrawal of the Labour whip from five council members.

Those excluded from the Labour group include Mr Arthur Seed, leader of the council, who remains in control with the support of Tory members, several members of the Labour group and the single SDP member.

Labour activists regard the Westminster seat of Langbaurgh, with a Tory majority of 6,024, as winnable. But if the dispute continues they may find themselves fighting hard just to keep the other Westminster seat, Redcar, held by Mr James Tinn with a 3,104 majority.

Mr Seed and his supporters have accused their opponents of collusion with the SDP, while the opposition has accused Mr Seed of getting his support from the Tories.

The council leader and local Tories blame hard-left Labour members for the dispute. "We are accused of being a right-wing council and yet we were the first in the area to bring in free concessionary fares, an example which left-wing Middlesbrough council followed five years later", he said.

His Labour opponent, Mr Terry Collins, aged 61, chairman of the Langbaurgh housing committee until ousted by Mr Seed in a counter coup last week, owns his own home and is a devout Roman Catholic.

Women 'must get key roles in union'

By Ronald Faux
Employment Affairs Correspondent

A more influential role for women in Britain's second largest union, the General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union, is being proposed by its leadership.

Already several key appointments, including head of communications have gone to women and the annual conference will be asked to approve that one third of the 33-strong executive should be women.

Mr Ed Newall, national industrial officer of the union, and head of the Hotel and Catering Workers Union section, said yesterday it was essential the union should be more representative of the people in it.

Of one million in the hotel and catering industry, two-thirds were female, many of them part-time workers who were blatantly exploited.

They needed the protection of the union, he said, but it was difficult to persuade those who did join to take a more active interest in union affairs.

"There is a marked reluctance among them to go on courses at our national college or to get involved beyond a certain point. In spite of the large number of women in our industry, a large number of the committees are run by men", he said.

The union sees tourism as an important recruiting sector and, next to the oil industry, as an earner.

While traditional industries contracted, hotels and catering offered 40,000 new jobs a year — many of them going to women.

"How you compare a youngster flapping over hamburgers in a fast food restaurant with the same person building a car or a ship, I do not know. But the economy has switched, so must the union", Mr Newall said.

Seat in Irish Senate for son of Taoiseach

Mr Sean Haughey, the son of Mr Charles Haughey, Taoiseach (prime minister) of the Irish Republic has been elected to the Senate, the upper house of the country's parliament.

The younger Mr Haughey is entering the Oireachtas, at the age of 26, in the footsteps of his father and grandfather.

Chernobyl remembered

More than 1,000 protesters staged a protest at Hinkley Point nuclear power station yesterday to mark the first anniversary of the explosion of the Russian reactor at Chernobyl.

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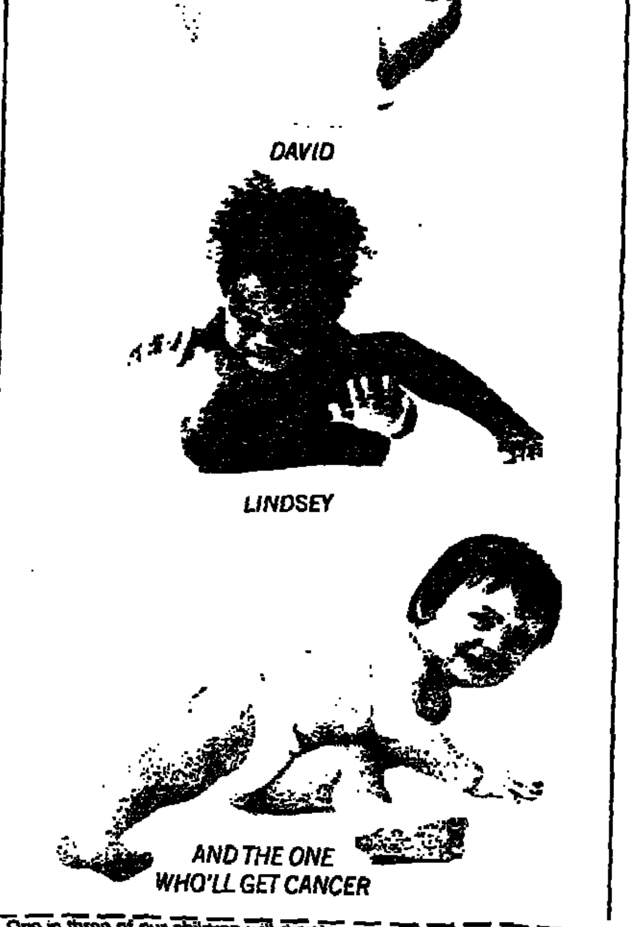
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London is urged to charge provinces for the cost of care

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Inner London health authorities should be able to charge other authorities who refer patients to teaching hospitals, according to a leading article in today's *British Medical Journal*.

Dr Ken Grant, district general manager at City and Hackney health authority in east London, warns the Department of Health and Social Security and the London regions that the problems of reducing resources in inner London while the number of hospital admissions continue to increase must be urgently tackled.

He suggests one answer would be to adopt an internal NHS market model, whereby inner London authorities would be funded only to provide local services, and would charge other authorities for the cost of treating patients referred from outer London or other parts of Britain.

This model of health care, originally put forward by Professor Alain Enthoven, from Stanford University three years ago, is now gaining support from both doctors and managers struggling to stay within tight budgets, who argue that they are given no compensation for treating patients outside their district.

Dr Grant also advocates the setting up of a health advisory service - which now monitors services for the mentally ill and mentally handicapped - for the acute hospital sector. If any further savings could be achieved in London hospitals they would have to come from clinical work, he said.

"In most hospitals the non-clinical budgets are virtually squeezed dry. The US hospital system has rapidly had to learn how to control and rationalize clinical activity because of the system of a fixed cost for each case." Some of that knowledge should be transferred to this country he said, together with external monitoring systems.

Dr Grant says that the extra money made available to Thames regions this year would reduce the immediate pressure, but not in the longer term.

As the recent King's Fund document, *Back to Back Planning*, had pointed out, London regions were now planning to cut resources in inner London by £109 million in the next seven years, he said. They were planning to make the savings by closing 1,487 beds to match a predicted fall in the city's population.

"Patients in London are not behaving as planned", Dr Grant said. The Thames regions had relied on a 15 per cent reduction in hospital admissions in inner London but so far there had been a 2.5 per cent increase.

"The flow from outside London appears to be increasing, not decreasing. Bed reductions do not reduce activity - not if the number of consultants is not also reduced and there are no realistic plans to do so." The easy and most cost effective reductions had already taken place, by closing hospitals.

"What further reductions will have to take place to find the remaining 60 per cent of the £109 million?" he asked.

London, traditionally over funded by the NHS, is now losing money to help services develop in more deprived areas of the country

"London should not distort the national picture, but neither should its present teaching and treatment be under used or run down piecemeal", Dr Grant says.

The only reason for people from outside London to receive their care in London was either because if was cheaper or better.

Governors oppose jobs plea for drugs case teachers

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

Two teachers convicted of drug offences whose fight for reinstatement is supported by their National Union of Teachers branch are "most unlikely" to regain their jobs, their school's chairman of governors confirmed yesterday.

The chairman condemned the NUT's support as "appalling", adding: "It is unacceptable for teachers who have been convicted of drug offences to be teaching."

Last week Andrew Simpson, aged 30, a history teacher, and Ian Wardle, aged 37, a sociology, social studies and English teacher and until his arrest an NUT publicity officer, were given an 18 months jail sentence and a nine-month suspended sentence respectively for drug offences. Neither was said to have supplied drugs to schoolchildren.

Simpson, who admitted possessing cocaine with intent to supply it, will be automatically dismissed from his job at Countesthorpe Community College, a comprehensive school near Leicester, because his prison sentence prevents him from fulfilling his contract.

But Wardle, a teacher at the same school, who admitted possessing cannabis, cocaine and LSD, must go through routine disciplinary procedures before he knows his fate. His NUT branch secretary has written to all the school governors saying that the two men have made "a valuable contribution to the education and welfare of students past and present".

The branch secretary, Miss Anne James, said: "We urge the governors to do all in their power to ensure their continued employment in the college".

The Rev Brian Davis, vicar of Countesthorpe and chairman of the school governors, said yesterday that governors were to meet in 11 days to discuss disciplinary proceedings against Wardle.

"When I got the letter from Miss James I was appalled", he said. "It is totally unjustifiable. I am sure that the appeal is not supported by the NUT leadership or membership but only by certain members who purport to speak for teachers as a whole at the college.

Wardle, who has been suspended on full pay since his arrest in December, would not comment on his union's support. The NUT refused to comment on the case yesterday. But Mrs Susan Waddington, Labour education spokesman on Leicestershire's hung council, said: "One can understand that the NUT branch at Countesthorpe has feelings of loyalty and friendship towards their colleagues which have prompted their request, though I think it most unlikely that the two teachers will be reinstated".

The two teachers are unlikely to be able to teach again. After decisions by the governors and the local education authority, the Department of Education and Science normally puts their names on a "blacklist" to which heads and education officials refer in interviewing job candidates.

PC Jim Higgins tests one of the Essex police force's new scramble motor-cycles, a Honda 250XL, which will be used for jobs such as dealing with car park thieves and motor-cyclists causing damage on golf courses and recreation parks (Photograph: Nick Rogers).

Missing the bus in drive for jobs

By Ronald Faux
Employment Affairs Correspondent

The man from Norwich who had come all the way to London to drive buses had failed to arrive.

He was somewhere out there, I was told, having his fiery baptism in the Easter traffic; sandwiched between his L plates and manoeuvring seven tonnes of London bus along roads that were choked with metal, fumes and exasperation.

He had left Hounslow garage in west London and had not been seen or heard of since.

The man from Norwich was to have demonstrated the success of London Buses in attracting unemployed men and women from the regions to fill about 600 vacancies for bus drivers.

The publicity campaign had brought in applications from across the country. Even a man from Inverness had applied but the man from Norwich could hardly have picked a worse day to be interviewed.

Instead Mr Steve Grundell, of Walthamstow, north-east London, and formerly of Leeds, offered himself as an example of regional success.

A tall, dry-humoured man dressed in the immaculately pressed uniform of an inspector he wore boots with burnished tips.

"I came down here seven years ago because there was no work in Leeds. I had driven buses and lorries and done a lot of sweeping up and bits and pieces but eventually got a job with London Transport."

The inspectors' hut at Victoria where I was waiting was an oasis in a crazy world.

The news from the fringes of London was not good. From Wandsworth to Finchley, Cricklewood to Camberwell routes were reported "solid" with bus lanes thick with interlopers.

Among them was the man from Norfolk, dreaming of empty country lanes and quiet hedgerows and wishing, no doubt, that he was back there.

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Winnings will go on home

Mr Roy Orland, an engineering inspector, plans improvements to his home with his share of the weekly Portfolio Gold dividend of £16,000.

Mr Orland, aged 63, of Rugby, Warwickshire, is one of four readers who each receive £4,000 in the weekly competition.

He said: "I never expected to win. But I'm coming up to retirement and plan to install double glazing, so this may just about fit the bill."

Mr David Short, aged 39, of Northampton, plans to plough his £4,000 into his light engineering business. "It will go straight into the business", he said. "Nothing for me."

Mr Short, who has been a reader of *The Times* for only three months, is married with one child.

The other two weekly winners are Mrs Nora Usher, aged 80, of Stratford-upon-Avon, and Mr Richard Calver, of Betchworth, Surrey.

Three readers shared yesterday's daily Portfolio Gold dividend of £8,000.

Mr David Tennant, aged 70, a retired general practitioner, of Horringer, near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, said he would take time before deciding how to spend his winnings. Mr Tennant, who has been a reader of *The Times* for more than 30 years, is married with four children and six grandchildren.

He has played Portfolio since the game started.

The other prize winners are Mrs C Wightman, of Pimlico, central London, and Mr John Haut, of Reigate, Surrey.

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Mr Tennant: Taking time to decide how to spend money

Let your fingers go job hunting

By Our Employment Affairs Correspondent

Three unemployed men from Swindon, Wiltshire, have produced what they say is the key to 100,000 jobs.

The enterprising trio, Mr John Huckvale, an engineer, Mr Frank Chambers, a Civil Servant, and Mr Richard Kinsella, a radiologist, got together to decide what they could do about their own lack of work and compiled a register of every jobs agency they could find in the UK.

Their publication, *Agency Pages*, contains a ready reference to about 5,000 agencies with details of what types of jobs each has to offer and how they can be contacted.

"It is not just a service by the unemployed for the unemployed but the only widescale contact that helps both sides of the jobs market.

"It will put one agency with a client in touch with another agency with a suitable vacancy, plumbers in Plymouth in touch with plumbing jobs in Inverness and for the unemployed there is no need for them to get on their bikes, just pick up a telephone", Mr Huckvale said.

Compiling the 152 pages took four months of research. The idea came to Mr Huckvale when he was a contract worker in the engineering industry.

"I kept a little black book of all the agency addresses that were ever any use to me. It suddenly occurred to me that a similar book with information on a whole range of other industries would be viable", he said.

Agency Pages (PO Box 262, Swindon SN1 3QL; £4.95).

- ● Executives applying for a job with the Staffordshire-based JCB company are being asked to write a 200-word essay on how to boil an egg or make a cup of tea.
- ● Orders worth £60 million over the next three years were announced yesterday by the *Caledonian Mining Company*, of Carlton-on-Trent, Nottinghamshire, creating more than 100 new jobs.

Rescuer finds his son dead

By Craig Seton

A man who was called out to recover a crashed car discovered the dead driver was his son.

The distraught father, who lost his only other son in an accident seven years ago, had to be helped from the scene by police.

Firemen and police were struggling to release the body of David Simpson, aged 28, from Bedworth, Warwickshire, when his father, George, aged 50, arrived in a breakdown truck.

David, a miner, who was married with two young daughters, had been driving his car when it hit a telegraph pole and plunged into a ditch near his home late on Thursday.

Police called out a vehicle recovery team from Cowan's Recovery Service, based at the Corley service station on the M6.

One of the breakdown workers on duty was the dead man's father, also from Bedworth, who set out with a driver, Mr Steve Walker.

Mr Paddy Chattha, another recovery worker at the firm, said yesterday: "It was unbelievably tragic and everyone is stunned.

Woman's gaslight era ends

The gas-lit world of Miss Susie Gutteridge is about to be switched on to the twentieth century.

Miss Gutteridge, aged 90, has finally decided to have electricity installed at the terrace house in Deepdale Road, Kimberworth, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, where she has lived for 74 years.

Until now she has firmly resisted modern advances, preferring to light her home with gas and using an antique gas iron for the weekly wash.

But next month electricity board workmen will bring power to the house.

Miss Gutteridge, whose only concession to the twentieth century has been a battery operated transistor radio, plans to buy a refrigerator and an iron

Miss Gutteridge, who still sings with local operatic groups, said: "I won't bother with a TV. I prefer to do my crocheting in the evenings.

Arson inquiry at nuclear site

Police are investigating a case of arson at the site of the proposed nuclear waste dump at Fulbeck, Lincolnshire.

A heap of tyres was set on fire close to drilling rigs where tests are being carried out for Nirex, the Government's nuclear waste agency.

Police fear new wave of IRA postal bombs

By Tony Dawe

A general alert to guard against letter bombs was issued last night as anti-terrorist squad detectives feared a change in tactics during the latest IRA campaign.

Five letter bombs packed with high explosives have been found in London this week, all stamped with the words "University of Ulster Students' Union" and directed at senior Civil Servants, including the Prime Minister's chief press officer.

But Commander George Churchill-Coleman, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch, fears people could be caught out if they expect further bombs to come only in similar packages.

The Yard said yesterday: "People must be prepared for bombs to come in different envelopes with different postmarks and aimed at different targets. We ask everyone to be vigilant and not to make assumptions about what form they will take."

The Provisional IRA has claimed responsibility for the bombs sent from Ulster, all of which were made safe before causing any harm. But the police fear another small IRA unit operating in Britain could have sent a fresh batch, possibly aimed at services chiefs.

Another fear is that more bombs from the first batch could be lying on people's doormats, unopened until they return from an Easter break. That happened on Thursday to Mr David Hobson, a former adviser to Mrs Margaret Thatcher, who found a suspicious package when he returned home from a conference in Japan.

The difficulty is that there is no immediate way of telling how many packages were sent, whether they were posted together, or how long they might take to get through the postal system.

● The Provisional IRA has bowed to pressure from the Roman Catholic Church and nationalist community by deciding to stop firing shots over the coffins of dead members in church grounds.

But the paramilitaries will continue to pay their tribute to volunteers by firing volleys in the district or at a republican monument.

Provisional Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Provisional IRA, denied that the decision was a result of strong criticism by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Londonderry, Dr Edward Daly, who described the firing of a volley of shots on church ground during the funeral of a terrorist as desecration.

Dr Daly also banned the bodies of Provisional IRA members from being in any church in Londonderry during requiem Mass, after the incident during the funeral of Gerald Logue, the Provisional IRA terrorist, last month.

Fadeout for Hollywood-style factory

By Gavin Bell
Arts Correspondent

A distinguished era in British film history will end next month with the loss of 230 jobs at Pinewood Studios, the country's biggest "film factory".

Its owners, Rank, have said almost two thirds of the 409 staff are to be made redundant on May 9.

After playing host to a galaxy of stars for more than half a century, it will lose its distinction of being what Rank believes to be the last survivor of the old Hollywood-style fully serviced studio, employing everbody from carpenters to make-up girls and special effects technicians.

The 18 stages on a 100-acre site in Buckinghamshire will be offered to film makers as what is known in the trade as a "four-wall facility". The remaining staff will be involved in administration, and in maintaining the facilities for hire.

Mr Jim Daly, managing director of Rank's film services division, blamed the cutback on a loss of tax allowances for film investment, new taxes on foreign artists, and the weakening of the dollar which has dried up American finance.

"Many of the staff have been with us for many years and it is very sad", he said.

"But we can no longer afford to employ everyone, plasterers, electricians, stage hands, for 52 weeks a year."

The reverse in Pinewood's fortunes began two years ago when Cannon Films switched production of *Superman IV* to Elstree Studios, which it had taken over.

A golden jubilee garden party, due to have been held a few months later in the landscaped grounds of the former Heatherden Hall, near Slough, was cancelled.

The studios have been practically empty since shooting finished two months ago for *The Living Daylights*, the latest of 15 James Bond films, on the 007 stage, the biggest in the world.

Pinewood was created by Charles Boot, a builder, and J Arthur Rank, the Yorkshire flour miller, who had visions of a British film industry to rival Hollywood.

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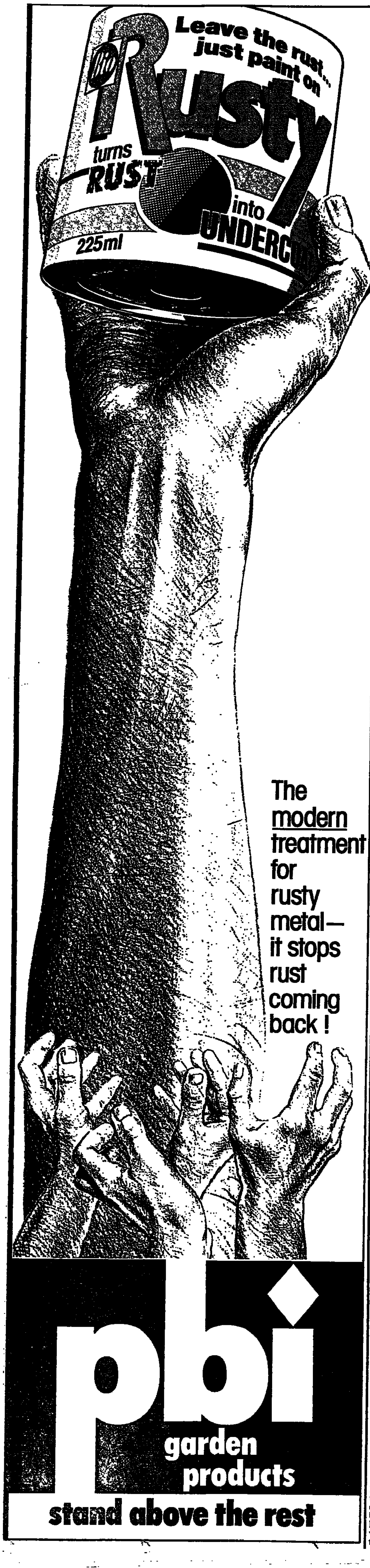
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Pilgrims' progress to raise money for homeless

The Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Basil Hume, starts a sponsored pilgrimage from Westminster Cathedral to Canterbury with brothers Mark and Anthony Bunker, from Hertfordshire. The walk, organized by the Sanctuary Housing Association, aims to raise money for International Year of Shelter for the Homeless. The walkers will be met by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, tomorrow (Photograph: Alan Weller).

Inner cities

Town planners call for policy of public and private spending

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Town planners are calling for a new commitment by the Government to provide comprehensive, long-term policies to improve inner cities.

In a document published today Mr John Dean, president of the Royal Town Planning Institute, says that 10 years after the publication of the 1977 White Paper on the inner city areas "we have yet to see the necessary commitment to co-ordinated policy making and to really substantial public and private expenditure".

He says the importance of comprehensive policies is often missed or ignored and insists that urban regeneration and the improvement of our cities must depend primarily on policies and actions by central and local government.

At the same time their actions and initiatives must be complemented by other means, including community action and the private sector.

"No worthwhile results in revitalizing our older areas will be achieved unless those responsible for private investment can contemplate spending in the inner city with every confidence in the future."

The existence of a number of arrangements to prompt and facilitate private investment made the need for a sensible policy even greater.

The document argues that spending under the urban programme, judged in relation to the potential which lies with "self-help" and private investment, will only contribute in a modest way to solving the problems, but the vital policy context has to be set by central and local government and confidence developed by their actions and the urban programme.

"Actions and developments on the part of residents and investment by the private sector will do much in deciding whether older areas are to be successfully renewed, but they will only be rewarded if they can take place within a well-considered policy context."

The document calls for a substantial increase in spending, both in the urban programme, which stands at about £370 million a year at present, and in housing investment programmes.

The institute's call coincides with the Government's own undertaking to regenerate the inner cities.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher has asked ministers to draw up a package of measures to sweep away dereliction, putting more emphasis on the contribution of the private sector rather than of local authorities.

Vandalism is costing farms £5m each year

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

Damage by vandals to farms is costing about £5 million a year, according to Mr Robin Harris, business insurance manager of the National Farmers' Union Mutual Insurance Society.

The problem is greatest on the edge of large conurbations, new towns and housing estates. Damage includes setting fire to crops, hayricks and buildings, sabotage of farm machinery, the theft of sheep, cattle and vegetables, and the killing and maiming of livestock by dogs or guns.

A report in this month's *British Farmer*, the NFU journal, describes how Mr Colin Addison was forced to abandon his Middlesbrough farm after the fire brigade was called out 50 times during a single harvest.

"Farming here has got to the stage that when we sow a crop they ride motor-cycles over it. When it's growing they play in it, and if it gets ripe, they set fire to it", he said.

On a Hartlepool farm near by Mr Robert Darling has given up keeping sheep after 32 ewes were killed by dogs.

Mr David Dent, secretary of the NFU North Riding and Durham county branch, says that most damage is caused by people aged under 17.

He also found many cases of animals injured and killed by bullets, and in one case the farmer himself was shot.

● Farmers yesterday appealed to young people on trips to the countryside, who are putting animals at risk by leaving condoms in fields.

The problem reaches a peak in spring and is worse this year because of the increasing use of condoms because of the Aids scare.

Mr David Hill, secretary of Lincolnshire NFU, said animals had died and others suffered severe damage to their digestive systems.

● Welsh farmers, who have produced a record number of lambs, have launched an Easter holiday appeal to dog owners to keep their pets under control.

The sheep and lamb population is expected to be above 10 million for the first time this spring and farmers are becoming increasingly concerned about sheep worrying by stray dogs.

In the run-up to the general election the Farmers' Union of Wales will be mounting a campaign against the Government's policy of discontinuing dog licences.

Scots snails make a slow slide to profit

Scottish farmers are set to challenge the French by producing the Gallic delicacy, snails.

About 50 would-be snail farmers, one from Lewis in the Western Isles, are to attend a snail-farming seminar in Dumfries later this month.

They will be given advice by Mr Roy Groves, the UK's top consultant on snails, and by experts in marketing and business planning.

The Scottish Development Agency, which is running the seminar, hopes it will add a new dimension to Scottish farming.

Mr Brian McEnroy, the SDA regional manager in Dumfries, said: "Scottish farming is in great need of diversification, with problems in the beef, cereal and milk markets. Nobody is pretending that edible snails will ever replace the main business of Scottish livestock farming, but there is a good living to be earned from indoor farming of these small creatures.

"Snails are prolific breeders and an annual output of 400,000 can confidently be expected, even from a small producer, with profits of £7,000 to £10,000 per annum."

After the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, France has banned imports of snails from eastern Europe for the next three years, so the market for UK breeders is assured, Mr McEnroy said.

Government finance is available to aspirant snail breeders through the Development of Rural Area Workshops scheme.

Soup kitchens helping DHSS strike victims

Soup kitchens are being set up to help thousands of Scottish families left short of money by a 48-hour strike at offices of the Department of Health and Social Security.

The Salvation Army opened one in Glasgow's sprawling Easterhouse council estate yesterday and Major Keith Sharp said: "We are doing what we can on limited resources. We will serve soup and bread all weekend."

Lothian Regional Council, based in Edinburgh, has told voluntary groups it will pay for soup kitchens and for 13 emergency centres set up to help claimants in Dundee.

The two-day strike by members of the Civil and Public Servants Association and the Society of Civil and Public Servants ended yesterday.

Staff at the Livingston computer centre, which issues DHSS cheques, will not return until Tuesday. Unemployment benefit delayed by the strike will not arrive until Wednesday.

Social work departments throughout Scotland were making emergency payments to families suffering hardship as a result of the stoppage, which is part of a six-week rolling campaign across Britain in protest at the Government's 4.25 per cent pay offer. Strathclyde alone expects to pay out £400,000 by the end of next week.

The payments are regarded as loans, which the region hopes to recover from the DHSS.

● The Civil Service unions are claiming a £20 a week flat rate increase and a minimum weekly wage of £115.

Americans remember lost colony

A "lost colony" of early settlers in America is to be remembered in a ceremony at Portsmouth.

The settlers, a group of about 100 men, women and children, sailed from Portsmouth 400 years ago for the new world.

They followed in the wake of the first group of settlers who two years earlier had set out from Plymouth and landed in an area they named Virginia.

A year later the first group returned to England and the second group arrived on the American continent in what is known today as North Carolina.

They built the "Cittie of Raleigh", the first English village in America, on Roanoke Island. Records show that the settlers succeeded in establishing a community and on August 18, 1587, Virginia Dare, granddaughter of the governor, John White, was born, the first child of English parents in the new world.

But between 1587 and 1590 all trace of the colony disappeared and it became known as Raleigh's "lost colony".

Now a group of North Carolina residents is to travel to Britain to mark the anniversary of the sailing of the settlers on April 26.

They will attend a service at Portsmouth cathedral and then, in a procession and ceremony which is to be broadcast live to viewers in North Carolina, they will unveil a plaque to commemorate the early settlers.

EEC 'punish' dairy farmers

The British farming industry will be penalized by the EEC for overproducing from July.

About 20,000 of the 37,000 dairy farmers in England and Wales will have a levy deducted from their monthly cheque from the Milk Marketing Board.

On average each of the 20,000 has overproduced by roughly the equivalent of a year's output from one cow so that, at 3.2p a litre, the average fine will be just over £150.

Although total national production was less than 1 per cent over target, which the milk board considers a remarkable achievement, farmers are faced with a further 6 per cent cut this year and 2.5 per cent in 1988-89.

Another effect of this is that the culling of unwanted cows is expected to bring an extra 80,000 tonnes of beef on to an already depressed market.

Last month Mr Frans Andriessen, the EEC agriculture commissioner, dismissed suggestions by British ministers that an extra £250 million would be made available from the common agricultural policy budget to help dispose of the "beef mountain".

● Four British pressure groups representing conservationists, the Third World and consumers are today issuing plans for reforms to reduce expenditure on the EEC's common agricultural policy.

The Council for the Protection of Rural England, the World Widlife Fund, the Consumers in the EEC Group and the Catholic Institute for International Relations have formed a united front.

They said in a statement: "The CAP in its present form adversely affects consumers, the environment and the Third World. It makes food unnecessarily expensive, encourages drastic environmental changes to produce unwanted food, keeps out food exports to the EEC from developing countries and undermines the development of their domestic agriculture and industries."

Newspapers challenge court reporting bans

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Moves to test magistrates' court secrecy are to be made in the High Court. Two newspapers are preparing to challenge magistrates' decisions to restrict press reporting at the request of defendants.

The *Evesham Journal* and the *Malvern Gazette* are seeking leave to apply for judicial reviews of separate court proceedings.

Lawyers are to apply on May 6 to the High Court in London for permission to seek a review. They are acting on behalf of the newspapers' holding group, Berrows Newspapers, of Worcester, a subsidiary of Reed International, which wants Divisional Court judges to test the legal standing of the magistrates' decisions.

In a hearing at Malvern Magistrates' Court, when Celia Hyland, aged 41, was convicted of drunken driving, reporters were excluded "in the interests of justice".

After hearing defence evidence in private, the bench imposed a three-month driving ban in place of the normal one of 12 months. Mitigating circumstances were heard by the bench in camera.

The crown prosecution service has initiated an appeal against sentence.

The Evesham case resulted in magistrates using the Contempt of Court Act to impose an order banning newspapers from reporting the home address of a man accused of driving his Land Rover without an MoT certificate.

The defendant was Mr Philip Norman Hocking, aged 61, former Labour MP for Coventry South, and a company director. He said he feared molestation by his former wife if his address were published.

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WORLD SUMMARY

Nigerian inquiry into pilot's arrest

Lagos (Reuter) – Nigeria has ordered an inquiry into the arrest of a senior Nigeria Airways pilot at New York's Kennedy Airport, who is accused of trying to smuggle heroin into the US. It was the second seizure in two months of drugs allegedly involving an employee of the national carrier.

Captain Billy Eko was charged with smuggling and possession with intent to distribute 7.5 lb of heroin, with an estimated street value of more than £1 million. He was travelling as a passenger on a flight from Lagos on Wednesday, but a US Customs officer said that he was wearing a uniform and his name was on the crew-list.

The aircraft was released by US authorities after they established that it was leased from Scandinavian Airlines Systems (SAS) and could not be impounded as Nigeria Airways property.

Guerrillas kill 16

Dhaka – Tribal guerrillas hacked to death 16 lumberjacks in the latest massacre in Bangladesh's south-eastern Chittagong Hill Tracts Province, where an ethnic Chakma tribe is waging an 11-year-old jungle war for independence, the Bengali newspaper *Ittefaq* said yesterday (Ahmed Fazl writes).

It said that the victims were kidnapped on Thursday from a state-owned forest close to the border with India and then killed with axes. Police later recovered the mutilated bodies.

Two dead on Etna

Catania, Sicily (Reuter) – The wife and 10-year-old son of a French diplomat were killed yesterday in a volcanic explosion on Mount Etna. The victims were on holiday.

A Civil Protection Ministry spokesman named the two as Mme Danielle Prevot, aged 41, and her son, Pierre Henri. Her husband, Marc, and two other sons, both teenagers, were slightly injured.

A police spokesman said the explosion occurred at a crater on the south-east side of the volcano, above the village of Nicolisi.

US journalists resign

Washington – Mr William Cheshire, the editorial page editor of *The Washington* Times, three editorial writers and a clerk have resigned after a dispute with the editor-in-chief over a leading article about political unrest in South Korea (*Mohsin Ali* writes).

Mr Cheshire characterized the cause of the dispute as "meddling" by the newspaper's owners. But Mr Arnaud De Borchgrave, right, the editor-in-chief, called Mr Cheshire's resignation "an emotional reaction" that had been "a long time building over basic disagreements". The newspaper is owned by several Korean businessmen who are members of the Unification Church.

Mr De Borchgrave said: "I have never received a single editorial suggestion" from the owners.

Opening in Beirut

Beirut (Reuter) – The Lebanese Army opened a third crossing point on Beirut's so-called Green Line yesterday.

Police said the Kaskas crossing, a 200-yard dirt track spanning the Muslim-Christian divide, and closed for more than a year, would be reserved for pedestrians. It was reopened despite last week's exchanges of artillery fire between the rival communities, which ended weeks of relative calm.

Irangate refusal

Washington (NYT) – A federal judge has refused to order Major General Richard Secord to waive the secrecy of foreign bank accounts linked to the Iran-Contra affair – a decision that could hinder the work of investigators.

Judge Aubrey Robinson rejected a Senate motion that would have forced General Secord, who invoked his constitutional right against self-incrimination, to sign a directive releasing the bank records.

Reagan benefits as Democrats hold their fire

Washington View

By Christopher Thomas

There is an ominous calm in Washington. Just when President Reagan looked beaten, his Democratic opponents have sounded the retreat and disappeared over the hill. The Iran-Contra affair has mysteriously vanished from the newspapers and hardly anybody talks about it any more. People are starting to wonder what all the fuss was about.

President Reagan is out and about again, travelling the country and getting on the nightly television news, while the Democrats stay unseen and unheard. His popularity ratings, abysmal by past performances, have nevertheless stopped falling. After a long, hard winter, spring is bursting out all over Pennsylvania Avenue.

Whatever happened to the crisis? This is a period of carefully manufactured peace. The Democrats decided to back off because they feared a public backlash. Americans were finding the Democrats' opportunism offensive; they did not like Mr Reagan being kicked when he was down.

The press also decided to ease off. It realized that the Iran-Contra story had become boring. And editors became uncomfortable with criticism of their fierce competition to be the first to uncover every little morsel of every little misdeed by all manner of unknown people.

So everybody is taking a breather. It is no accident that there have been no dramatic "leaks" lately. Democratic congressional investigators have clearly agreed on a temporary ceasefire, and have consequently stopped passing stories surreptitiously to the press. This interlude of calm will end when the congressional investigations get under way next month.

The Democrats are confident that the testimony of Rear-Admiral John Poindexter and Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North will be devastating to Mr Reagan. Even if no malfeasance can be proved, Democratic members of Congress can look forward to spending weeks wallowing in a gratifying welter of Swiss bank accounts, Cayman Island corporations, misappropriated money and presidential incompetence.

But Democrats know they must be careful. Too heavy or too protracted a barrage against Mr Reagan might be counter-productive, because there is still a great deal of respect and affection for him. That is why the separate Senate and House investigative committees have been consolidated into one, so as to concentrate the attack.

The White House image-makers are making maximum use of the temporary calm to put Mr Reagan back where he performs and communicates best, on a lectern with a speech in his hand. He has travelled outside Washington four times on significant speechmaking trips in the past month.

The White House is planning a shift of emphasis in Mr Reagan's agenda in an attempt to bolster his popularity. Officials have concluded that his "competitiveness" initiative has not gone well, partly because it had the unforeseen side-effect of drawing attention to the way high technology is killing off jobs.

Aides are now looking at a new focus on education issues and job creation. A more vigorous travel schedule is planned, with the emphasis on speechmaking. The overriding purpose of all this activity is to give the press an alternative to the Iran-Contra story.

Mr Reagan nowadays attends more meetings and listens to more viewpoints. The White House staff goes out of its way to depict him as a "hands-on" manager who is involved in all important decisions. For the next few critical weeks, before hostilities break out once again, the image-makers have important work to do.

But after that, the Iran-Contra probe will begin competing for headlines. Unhappily for Mr Reagan, it will coincide with debilitating fights between the White House and Congress over the budget, the Contras and Star Wars.

The only bright spot in all this gloom is the likelihood of getting Mr Mikhail Gorbachov to come to Washington to sign a historic Euro-missile agreement later this year.

Greece claims upper hand in mock Aegean air battles

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Greek and Turkish planes engaged in mock dogfights over the north-east Aegean Sea at least four times on Wednesday, according to the Greek Defence Ministry, which claimed the Turkish fighters carried air-to-air missiles.

A ministry communiqué said seven formations of Turkish fighters and a naval reconnaissance plane penetrated without warning the Athens flight information region which encompasses the entire Aegean and violated Greek air space 11 times.

When Greek fighters, usually Phantoms or French-built Mirages, approached the intruding aircraft, the Turkish pilots manoeuvred into battle positions, it said.

"The Greek aircraft maintained the tactical advantage," the communiqué added, indicating that Greek pilots managed to keep the Turkish planes within their electronic gunsights.

Greek officials said the incidents occurred over the area between the Greek islands of Lesbos, Chios, Lemnos and Samothrace, where confrontations are becoming more frequent as Turkey continues to defy Greece's right to control military flights entering the Athens flight information region, and challenges the 10-mile Greek air space declared in 1931.

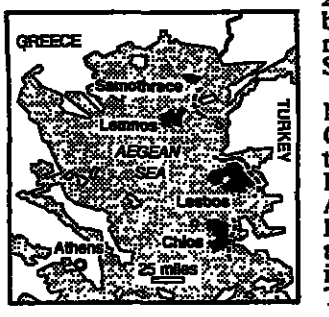
The Athens Government cited these Turkish air violations while hardening its attitude towards Ankara's application for full membership to the EEC.

The government spokesman, Mr Yiannis Roubatis, explained that, as long as Turkey continued to threaten Greek territorial integrity and challenge its national sovereignty through provocative air violations, it would be absurd for Greece to agree to Turkey's admission to the EEC.

Although Greece and Turkey, after last month's Aegean crisis, have been exchanging messages at the highest level on possible peaceful solutions, the tension between them persists.

Turkey announced last week that it was suspending its Aegean exercise, Dogan Bey 87, between April 15 and 18 out of deference for Greek Orthodox Easter. However, the Greeks point out that their festive period ends on April 21; therefore, they would still be compelled to maintain military vigilance over Easter Sunday and Monday.

It is perhaps significant that Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, chose to spend Easter Sunday on Lesbos in the company of the Army Chief of Staff, cracking Easter eggs with troops stationed there to defend the island from the perceived Turkish military threat.



Thumbs-up from spy case Marine

A thumbs-up from Marine Sergeant Clayton Lonetree while being led in handcuffs from a pre-trial hearing at the Quantico base in Virginia. Hearing of spy charges arising from his guard duties at the US Embassy in Moscow resumes on May 11.

Military defiance in Argentina

Major taps bitterness inside Army

From Eduardo Cué
Buenos Aires

Major Ernesto Guillermo Barreiro, the Argentine Army officer whose refusal to appear before a civilian court sparked the current military crisis, is not a man normally given to grandiose gestures.

But the intelligence officer is described by France as a man who is willing to act on his strongly held convictions without regard for the consequences. His sense of duty and his reported ability to form strong friendships appear to be the main factors that led more than 80 of his fellow officers to support his defiant stand against the Government.

His action has touched a highly sensitive chord among the middle-ranking officers in the Argentine military, who have been unable to accept the continuing prosecutions of active-duty colleagues for human rights violations.

"This episode shows just how bitter the middle-ranking officers are," a foreign diplomat said.

The sense of solidarity within the armed forces for Major Barreiro's cause is demonstrated by the support of between 50 and 80 officials who immediately rallied to his cause and deployed heavy artillery around the 14th Airborne Infantry Division base, where the major has taken refuge in order to prevent his arrest.

On Thursday night the command of the Third Army Corps, to which the rebellious officers are attached, said in a communiqué that, although it supported the Government, no action would be taken against the insurgent officers "so as to prevent the division of the armed forces".

The statement was widely interpreted as a gesture of solidarity with the officers on the part of their top commanders.

Major Barreiro, who is married and has four children, is charged with seven cases of kidnapping and at least one killing allegedly committed when he served as chief of interrogations at the La Perla detention centre, near Córdoba in northern Argentina.

He is also accused of having headed one of five groups that carried out illegal operations during the former military regime's "dirty war" against terrorism.

Major Barreiro's superior during this period was General Lucián Benjamin Menéndez, at the time the head of the Third Army Corps. General Menéndez appeared several weeks ago before the same Córdoba Federal Appeals court that ordered Major Barreiro's testimony, but the general refused to answer questions concerning his activities during the military government.

The charges against Major Barreiro have been brought by a Córdoba human rights group called Peace and Justice and are based on the testimony of several former prisoners at the La Perla detention centre.

The current crisis was unleashed on Wednesday, when Major Barreiro told the chief of the infantry division where he is based, Lieutenant-Colonel Luis Polo, that he had no intention of appearing before the Córdoba court.

By refusing to show up he became the first Argentine military officer to disobey a civilian court order since the human rights trials began more than three years ago.

The 14th Airborne Infantry Division is a specialized army unit in which about 600 officers normally work.

'No' votes cause new sensation in Russia

From Our Own Correspondent
Moscow

Something of a political sensation was caused in the Soviet Union yesterday when two of the 5,000 delegates of the Soviet Komsomol (Young Communist League) voted against a motion at their congress here. Votes in the Komsomol, as in all such Communist organizations, have traditionally been unanimous.

In the first account of the proceedings, Tass led its report with the disclosure that the two had voted against individual provisions of a suggested new charter for the organization and that four other members had abstained. The surprise move came the day after Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, had addressed the congress with an impassioned plea for more democracy in Soviet life.

According to Tass, the new charter to which the handful of young delegates had openly objected was designed to suppress "bureaucratism" inside the Komsomol, which claims some 40 million members ranging in age from 14 to 28. It has long been regarded as a stepping-stone to a political career in the Communist Party.

The decision by the official news agency to publicize the dissenting votes was seen in diplomatic circles as an indication that the action of the six unsatisfied delegates was approved by the authorities. Mr Gorbachov told the congress, the 20th in the organization's history, in his 90-minute address on Thursday that his campaign for "openness, criticism and democracy" had the backing of the Communist Party's Central Committee.

Earlier yesterday, Tass reported on an experimental new election campaign now under way for certain selected local soviets (councils) – out of the country's 50,000 regional, city, district and rural soviets – where voting for new membership takes place on June 21.

Gorbachov faces punishing year of diplomatic duties

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

In addition to the third prospective superpower summit in Washington, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov is facing a punishing diplomatic schedule at home and abroad for the rest of 1987, which will ensure the year will be even more formative than last in terms of the Soviet Union's global relations.

Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the Kremlin's chief spokesman told *The Times* that no formal announcement of Mr Gorbachov's plans for foreign trips could yet be made, as each visit had to be coordinated with host governments. "Mr Gorbachov has specific proposals from a number of countries now under consideration ... of which the first and last is the recent invitation to visit the United States," he explained.

Western diplomatic sources said that the main themes of Soviet global policy during the year were likely to be emphasis on "the common homeland theme" with Europe, pressure on the Eastern bloc to accelerate its own reform programme, moves for an arms control pact with the US, and stress on the Soviet role in the Third World.

Given the heavy domestic pressure, notably internal Communist Party resistance to the reform drive, Mr Gorbachov is still expected before 1988 to visit East Germany and Romania, as well Italy and Greece, and to become the first Soviet leader to travel to Latin America.

In addition to his travels abroad, all of which will be used to good advantage by the highly effective Soviet propaganda machine, a number of high-ranking foreign visits to Moscow are scheduled and others are in the pipeline.

These began yesterday, less than 48 hours after the departure of Mr George Shultz after his successful three-day stay, when Mr Gorbachov met in the Kremlin the Ethiopian leader, Mr Mengistu Haile Mariam, whose country has been receiving strong backing in arms, training and economic aid from the Kremlin since the 1970s.

Later this month the focus will switch to the gradually improving chances of staging an international peace conference on the Middle East, with the arrival in the Soviet capital of President Assad of Syria for his first official visit since June 1985. Both the Soviet Union and Syria (with whom it has a friendship treaty) have long supported the principle of such a conference, but Damascus opposes the notion that it should lead to direct Syrian-Israeli negotiations.

In May the question at present dominating East-West relations, the prospect of a superpower accord to eliminate all medium-range missiles from Europe, will again be prominent with the expected trips to Moscow of M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, and President Richard von Weizsäcker of West Germany.

European sources said yesterday that no dates had yet been confirmed by the Soviet side for either visit, prompting speculation that Mr Gorbachov may again be facing internal difficulties over his policies or that, in the case of M Chirac, the Kremlin is showing its displeasure over the espionage row involving the Ariane space rocket.

Providing the trips take place as planned, Mr Gorbachov is expected to use both occasions to try to win important Nato support for his latest initiative to underpin a Euro-missile deal with a second "zero option", involving all shorter-range missile systems as well, over a 12-month period.

According to East European sources, Mr Gorbachov's first trips outside the Soviet Union are due next month when he is scheduled to make a trip to Romania (the only East bloc country he has not yet visited officially since taking office) and East Germany, where he is due to arrive only a few weeks before President Reagan's fleeting visit to West Berlin.

Both countries are regarded as among the least enthusiastic East bloc supporters of Mr Gorbachov's liberalization programme.

In an interview earlier this month, Herr Kurt Hager, the East German Communist Party's ideology chief, remarked pointedly: "If your neighbour papers his walls, do you feel obliged to re-do yours?" No final dates have yet been set for Mr Gorbachov's planned trips to Italy and Greece, but Soviet thinking is to try and combine them for use further to drive a wedge between the US and its Nato allies.

The Pope said in February that a papal meeting with Mr Gorbachov was also a possibility. "It is possible," he told journalists. "I receive everyone who calls to be received. I received Gromyko. I receive leaders if they are convinced that it is right and usual to meet the Pope."

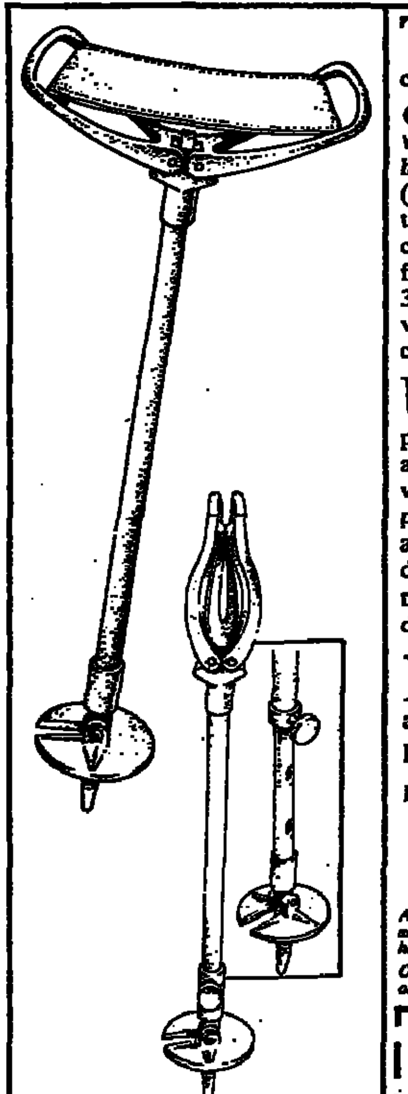
Although the proposed Washington summit will be the high spot of Mr Gorbachov's diplomatic year, the Kremlin leader's scheduled visit to at least five Latin American countries, including Cuba, is likely to prove his most controversial foreign venture, and the one most likely to cause concern in Washington.

Señor Athos Fava, the Argentine Communist Party leader, said in Moscow recently that Latin American Communists felt the trip would be of "tremendous significance for the national liberation struggle of the peoples of the continent".

Despite the widely acknowledged success of Mr George Shultz's visit to Moscow this week, the Soviet press yesterday maintained a barrage of criticism of the White House. The Russians accused it of seeking to destroy arms control agreements concluded by earlier American administrations (Christopher Walker writes from Moscow).

The Soviet Union carried out a nuclear test early yesterday, the fourth since it ended the moratorium on nuclear explosions which lasted until late February.

THE TIMES UMBRELLA & STICK SEATS



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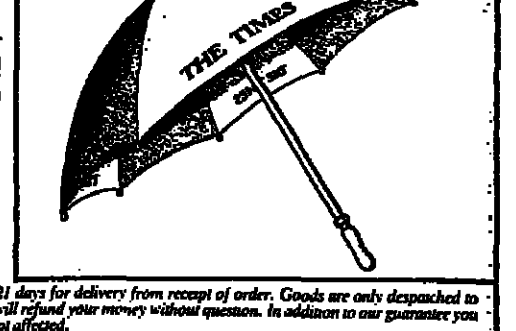

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Vietnam radical reform encourages profits in return of free enterprise

By Mary Dejevsky

Two days before elections to determine the composition of its next National Assembly, Vietnam has announced a comprehensive programme of economic reforms that will restore a degree of private enterprise and give incentives to peasant farmers.

The reforms, agreed at a nine-day meeting of the Communist Party Central Committee which ended last week, represent the most radical change in Vietnam's economic structure since the South was forcibly collectivized on reunification 12 years ago.

A hint of the reform proposals emerged from an announcement two days ago that enterprises in Ho Chi Minh City were being given new powers, including the right to borrow funds from abroad.

The pricing system is to be overhauled under the new regulations. Peasants and individual traders are to be encouraged to make a profit, moonlighting by city workers is to be made legal and there will be incentives to boost rice production.

Vietnam has been plagued by shortages of food and consumer goods since reunification and the once-flourishing service sector in the South has all but died because of the effects of legislation, emigration and punitive taxes on earnings. Vietnam's occupation of Cambodia, where it is fighting a guerrilla war against the Khmer Rouge, has worsened its problems.

In introducing the reform programme, the leadership conceded that collectivist policies had not worked in the South. There were different traditions there, it said, that had to be respected. Twelve years after reunification, Hanoi's usual explanation — that economic problems were a result of wartime devastation or US bombing — was wearing increasingly thin.

The economic reform programme is the first important measure to be taken by Vietnam's new generation of Communist leaders, who came to office last December.

The process of regenerating the leadership is expected to be completed after the elections, when many of the more elderly deputies, including President Truong Chinh, are not standing. Others, in a crucial departure from custom, may not be re-elected.

Procedures have been introduced which mean that for the first time since reunification there are more candidates than seats. A total of 829 candidates are standing for 450 seats and for the first time there have been contests for the nominations, with some pre-election meetings descending into anarchy as all official nominees were rejected.

When the new assembly meets towards the end of next month it will elect a new state President and Prime Minister. The changes in procedure have been widely interpreted as an attempt to combat rampant corruption among officials at all levels.

Deputies to the National Assembly, like members of the Central Committee, enjoy privileged access to food, housing and consumer goods. Vietnam has a flourishing black market and bribery is commonplace.

But, like the economic reform programme, they are also an echo of recent developments in the Soviet Union and may owe something to pressure from Moscow.

Deng warning to backers of democracy in Hong Kong

Peking (AFP) — Statements by the Chinese leader, Mr Deng Xiaoping, that there would be no room for a Western-style democracy in Hong Kong after China resumed control in 1997, although capitalist practices could continue for 100 years, were seen by observers here as a clear warning to those who might oppose communism.

In reiterating his pledge on capitalism in the colony, which was originally given a lifespan of 50 years, the Chinese leader also said that he did not think the future Special Administrative Region (SAR) of China, which Hong Kong will become, should completely copy Western parliamentary systems like Britain's or that of the US.

Popular elections do not necessarily ensure that those elected meet the criteria of "patriotism for China and love of Hong Kong", Mr Deng said.

Mr Deng also made clear that Peking reserved the right to intervene in the post-1997 Hong Kong if the "fundamental interests" of China or of Hong Kong came under threat.

"If in Hong Kong some people curse China and the Chinese Communist Party we will allow them to do so," Mr Deng said. However, it was not allowed to turn curses into action and turn Hong Kong into a base for opposing China's mainland "under the cloak of democracy".

Mr Deng, who inspired the concept of "one country, two systems" which formed the basis of the 1984 Sino-British agreement on Hong Kong's future, rejected the idea that Peking's future relations with the SAR should be fixed in precise legal language.

Mr Deng made his comments on Thursday when he met members of the Hong Kong Basic Law Drafting Committee (BLDC), which Peking set up in 1984 to work out a constitution for the future Hong Kong SAR. The BLDC was holding its fourth session

● HONG KONG: Mr Deng's statements on the future of capitalism here and on political reform for when the colony returns to Chinese rule received a mixed reception in the press (AFP reports).

The independent Chinese-language *Sing Tao Evening News* described Mr Deng's 100-year assurance about capitalism for Hong Kong as "a pill to calm the heart".

However, Mr Lee Yee, the editor of the China-watch magazine, *Nineties Monthly*, said: "This 100-year no change talk from Deng Xiaoping is quite meaningless, as the 82-year-old Chinese leader would not live long enough to ensure that it became fact."

But Mr Lee added that he did not regard Mr Deng's remarks on Hong Kong's current political reforms as Chinese interference in Hong Kong affairs. "It seems to me that Deng was merely approving what the British colonial administration here has been saying."

Cigarettes 'keep me healthy'

Peking (AP) — China's senior leader, Mr Deng Xiaoping, left, yesterday jokingly told the former British Prime Minister, Mr Edward Heath, right, that he had disappointed his doctors with continued good health.

Mr Deng, aged 82, attributed his health partly to his heavy smoking habit.

"The doctors are disappointed whenever they check my health," Mr Deng said.

"I thought the chairman's good health was because he had given up smoking," Mr Heath quipped.

Mr Heath is in China to conduct the Central Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra at a charity concert.

Backlash on radio 'indecency'

From Charles Bremner
New York

New York's top-rated radio host delivered his usual blend of traffic reports and *double entendre* yesterday, despite sweeping measures by government watchdogs aimed at curbing a tide of sexually explicit radio shows.

"I'm thrilled; I never thought we did anything rude," said Mr Howard Stern, one of the main targets of the ruling on Thursday by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

It announced the crackdown on what it regards as indecent programmes flooding the airwaves from San Francisco to New York. The measures, which include guidelines yet to be announced, are the first by the FCC since 1976, when it decreed that broadcasters could say almost anything except "seven dirty words" which it listed.

The ruling reflects a change in mood from the anything goes attitude of the 1970s. The FCC said it had received numerous complaints about shows and it named Mr Stern's. "His broadcasts do not consist of an occasional off-colour reference," said an FCC spokeswoman. "He dwells on sexual and excremental matters in a way that is patently offensive."

The American Civil Liberties Union has condemned the measures.

Writer on South Africa wins Pulitzer prize

New York (Reuter) — Reports on South Africa, photographs of the downfall of Mr Ferdinand Marcos, the former Philippines President, and a book on relations between Arabs and Jews in Israel were rewarded yesterday with Pulitzer prizes.

The prize committee, in its 71st awards session, gave the prize for international reporting to Michael Parks, a *Los Angeles Times* correspondent. The committee praised Mr Parks, aged 44, for "his balanced and comprehensive coverage of South Africa".

The drama prize went to the black playwright, August Wilson, aged 41, for *Fences*, about a rubbish collector.

Peter Taylor, aged 70, a leading short story writer, won the fiction prize for his novel *A Summons to Memphis*, about a Southern family.

The general non-fiction award went to a reporter at *The New York Times*, David Shipler, for his book, *Arab and Jew: Wounded Spirits in a Promised Land*.

A photographer from *The San Francisco Examiner*, Kim Komenich, won the photography award for his coverage of Mr Marcos's fall.

Easter re-enactment of Christ's Passion

Men dressed as centurions offering water to Lucila Reyes, a faith healer aged 28 nailed to a cross near Manila yesterday.

Philippine 'crucifixions' draw crowds

Manila (Reuter) — Three men and two women underwent crucifixion rites near Manila yesterday and hundreds of penitents flogged themselves as the Philippines, Asia's only Christian nation, marked the death of Jesus.

Thousands of residents and foreign tourists watched as men dressed as Roman soldiers hammered nails into the hands and feet of the five before their crosses were raised aloft in Bulacan and Pampanga provinces, north of Manila.

Similar mortification rites in memory of the torture and crucifixion of Jesus took place elsewhere. Hundreds of penitents dragged heavy wooden crosses on the streets while others flogged themselves with bamboo strips to draw blood.

Ms Lucila Reyes, a 28-year-old faith healer, hung for about an hour from a cross at the edge of a ricefield in Bulacan — the eleventh time in as many years she has endured the torment.

Beside her was Ms Emilia Bulaong, a 24-year-old vegetable vendor undergoing the rite for the first time, who fainted when the "centurions" drove 5 in nails into her palms and feet.

Both women carried their crosses for about half a mile to the crucifixion site. The road was lined by hundreds of people, their faces covered with black cloth, lashing their bare backs with bamboo strips held together by ropes.

Ms Bulaong, who was later brought to a nearby chapel, said: "I have been hearing Christ's command for a long time but I had ignored it. Lately I had become sickly, so I decided it was time to be nailed to the cross. My order from God was to do it for the rest of my life."

In nearby Pampanga province, a bus driver, a house painter and a student were nailed to crosses they had carried for about two miles. They were followed through the streets by 400 flagellants, their bamboo whips splattering blood on people who crowded the pavements to watch them atone for their sins or offer a sacrifice for a sick relative.

Similar displays were staged by hundreds of prisoners at Manila's main prison.

The Church does not encourage the annual rituals, but does nothing to prevent them or stop the thousands of spectators. Cardinal Jaime Sin, the Archbishop of Manila and the country's Primate, last night called on priests "to be poor in the ministry of the gospel". He washed the feet of 12 men representing Jesus's apostles in a ritual of humility at a Mass celebrated in Manila Cathedral.

● *MOMBASA:* A religious extremist was found nailed to a cross yesterday in a poor suburb of this Kenyan port (Reuter reports).

David Mugo, aged 30, a street hawker known as a Christian visionary, was wearing a loin cloth and a crown of thorns. One hand had been nailed to the cross and the other tied with rope.

Crackdown keeps Jerusalem calm

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

There was tense calm here yesterday as extra police and security forces imposed a clampdown to prevent trouble while Jerusalem became the centre of world attention over Easter.

At least 799 Palestinians have been arrested after last Saturday's murder of an Israeli woman. There has also been increased Palestinian activity ahead of next week's Palestine National Council meeting called by Mr Yassir Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Palestinian sources say the number of arrests is three to four times higher than in a "normal week". Most are released within a few days, but there are now 73 Palestinians held without trial under administrative detention orders and another 25 under town arrest.

Lieutenant-General Moshe Levy, who retires as Chief of Staff tomorrow, has said in a farewell briefing that the more demonstrations there are, the more people will be put under detention.

The present clampdown has succeeded in limiting the scale of demonstrations during the week, despite Palestinian anger at the shooting of a student last Monday and agitation about the PNC meeting. Protests have been most violent in the Gaza Strip, and yesterday three petrol bombs were thrown without effect at an army patrol there.

In another move to head off trouble, army roadblocks were set up yesterday round the Druze villages in the Golan Heights captured from Syria in the 1967 Six Day War. Yesterday marked the 39th anniversary of Syrian Independence Day and pro-Syrian agitation among the villagers has built up since a 50-year-old woman was killed in the area last month.

One meeting which went ahead yesterday in Jerusalem was between prominent Palestinians and left-wing Jewish Knesset members campaigning for an end to administrative detention and in favour of keeping West Bank universities open.

The measures meant the Old City was quiet yesterday

Pope carries cross from Colosseum

From Roger Boyes, Rome

Good Friday was solemnly celebrated in Rome last night by the Pope who was carrying a wooden cross from inside the Colosseum where early Christians were thrown to the lions. Followed by a procession of thousands bearing flickering torches, he prayed at the twelve Stations of the Cross, ending on the Palatine Hill.

Roman churches were stripped of decoration yesterday, the crucifixes were draped in cloth and laid at the foot of the altars. Throughout the morning believers filed in to pray at the symbol of suffering Christ. The Pope spent the morning in prayer and then, like an ordinary priest, heard confessions in a special box at St Peter's Basilica.

This year the Catholic Easter coincides with that of the Orthodox Church — a fact that will be alluded to in one of the Pope's Easter homilies, for it is his wish to bring the churches closer together and, if possible, to visit Russia on the same mission.

It was however the Catholic processions, the "Via Crucis," that dominated Italy yesterday. The most spectacular was certainly that of the Pope as he made his way from the Colosseum watched by television networks from 29 countries.

But there were many other ceremonies throughout Italy, some of them wrapped in mysticism. In Taranto, 70 men, their heads hooded to symbolize the anonymity of death, carried holy icons through the town to the Franciscan church. As in the past 200 years, the procession was staged in slow motion and lasted some 18 hours.

● JOHANNESBURG: Some 600 people of all races bearing 60 crosses and led by three bishops marched through Durban at dawn yesterday. The crosses symbolized 60 children detained in Durban under the state of emergency (Ray Kennedy writes).

The march was part of a nation-wide protest against the gagging of organized campaigns for the release of thousands of detainees. Police kept watch but did not interfere with the procession.

Indonesian election

Boost for Sukarno party

From Our Correspondent, Jakarta

Indonesia's 25-day national election campaign ended here yesterday with a massive show of support for the Democratic Party of Indonesia (PDI), the country's smallest opposition party.

Hundreds of thousands of PDI supporters, clad in the party colour of red and bearing pictures of the country's first President, Mr Sukarno, poured into the streets of the capital in what observers said was the biggest turnout of the campaign.

The crowd, estimated to be possibly as big as half a million, packed in and around a sports complex, cheered as PDI leaders slammed corruption in the 20-year-old Government of President Suharto.

Mr Ipik Asmasubrata, a Jakarta candidate, hinted that rot within the ruling circles was the cause of much of the corruption.

Another speaker, Mr Kwik Kian Gie, a businessman, urged the Government to stop foreign borrowing and rationalize big business monopolies, many owned by close associates and family members of President Suharto.

Mr Suharto, who took power 20 years ago after the fall of Mr Sukarno, is the only candidate so far proposed for the Presidency in 1988 when the newly elected Parliament meets with 600 appointed representatives to select the country's President and Vice-President for the next five years.

Yesterday's rally crowd reserved their longest standing ovations for Mrs Negawati Sukarnoputri, one of Mr Sukarno's daughters and a PDI parliamentary candidate, who led the crowd in chants of "Long live Bungkarno (brother Sukarno) — freedom".

There have been persistent rumours in Jakarta during the campaign that the country's powerful military has covertly supported the PDI, which received only 7.9 per cent of the vote in the last Indonesian general election in 1982, compared to 64 per cent for the powerful ruling Golkar Party.

In addition, observers and Golkar party members say Golkar and the PDI have concentrated efforts this year on weaning support away from the third party contesting the polls, the Muslim United Development Party (PPP).

While the massive PDI turnout in Jakarta could be a harbinger of the critical Jakarta electoral vote, observers say the party is unlikely to dislodge Golkar's grip on the Indonesian countryside, which the Government is counting on to bring it itsr announced target of 70 per cent of the country's 400 elected parliamentary seats.

Spanish air strike foils choristers and Handel

From Richard Wigg, Cuenca

Weary choristers from Oxford's New College choir flew home from Madrid yesterday after a combination of Spain's rail and air strike on Wednesday and the rules of the Musicians' Union prevented them from giving the first performance in Spain of Handel's oratorio *Athalia*.

The performance for Cuenca's annual Easter Music Festival was to have been the highlight of a Holy Week tour through France and northern Spain by the choir and the Academy of Ancient Music, conducted by Christopher Hogwood.

Twenty-four hours earlier the choir had been singing in Vigo with the orchestra. But the after-effects of the strike meant that Spanish airline schedules were at their most chaotic. The choir itself arrived in Cuenca in time for the concert, but the musicians, travelling in another aircraft and carrying all the choir's music, failed to make it.

As a spokesman of Aviaco, the domestic airline, explained the saga yesterday, the orchestra were the victims of a pile-up of extra flights put on after Wednesday's 24-hour stoppage. "Eighty per cent of our flights on Thursday were late," he said. The plane the musicians finally took from Vigo had earlier flown to Ibiza, to Málaga, and back to Madrid before starting out two hours late for Vigo. The other plane was on time.

The orchestra, under the rules of their union, had already done enough travelling and refused the prospect of 500 miles more travel — 10 hours in a coach from Galicia to Madrid, then three hours more to Cuenca, and finally back after the concert, well after midnight.

"Perhaps we could sing them something and Christopher could accompany on the harpsichord," one of the soloists said as they held a council of war in the 16th-century convent of San Pablo.

The concert, set for 6 pm, was put back by two hours and then 10 pm before final cancellation. But then someone remembered all their music was travelling with the orchestra in the other plane.

"We all feel so awfully sorry, but then Spain intervened," said Mr Hogwood as he autographed Academy of Music records already on sale for the doomed concert.

"Could you delay the train for Madrid two hours for the musicians?" one of Spain's leading concert impresarios asked Señor Abel Caballero, Spain's Transport Minister. But he declined, fearing the effects in his native Galicia.

In the end the choristers piled into a coach at 11 pm and were driven through the night to Madrid.

"The concert that never was," said Emma Kirby, the soprano.

The impresario foots the bill, but the British Council loses the £1,000 subsidy it had paid for the performance.

Yesterday Señor Caballero was holidaying in Majorca and Mr Hogwood had decided to stay on alone and enjoy Cuenca's Easter street processions with brass bands and mournful beating of drums accompanying the hooded penitents.

● MADRID: Hundreds of Civil Guard policemen kept a watch on Spain's most troubled town, Reinosa, yesterday as an Interior Ministry official and a Communist trade union leader blamed each other for the latest in a month-long series of violent disturbances there (Harry Debelius writes).

Calabria gang war claims five lives

Reggio Calabria (Reuter) — Five more people have been murdered in a Mafia gang war in Italy's most violent province, bringing the death toll this year to 48.

Police said the five were shot dead in three separate ambushes yesterday in the area in the toe of Italy. Three people were wounded.

The province of Reggio Calabria had Italy's highest number of murders, attempted murders and kidnaps in 1986. Murders totalled 112.

Police and magistrates say the violence was unleashed by a power vacuum in the local Calabrian Mafia or "Ndrangheta", following the murder of leader Paolo De Stefano in late 1985. The absence of a gang leader has provoked a war for supremacy among the many local clans.

Crossing crash

Lille (Reuter) — A lorry driver was killed and 26 train passengers, mostly school children, were injured when an articulated lorry collided with a train in thick fog on a level crossing at Arras.

Rocks on track

Belgrade (Reuter) — One person was killed and 10 injured when a train ran into rocks on the track and two coaches plunged into a river in central Yugoslavia.

Two to hang

Kuala Lumpur (Reuter) — A Malaysian high court sentenced a salesman and a former student to hang for trafficking in 3 lb of cannabis.

150 years

Boulder, Colorado (Reuter) — Kenneth Miller, 19, has been sentenced to 150 years in prison for the shotgun murder last November of Mr and Mrs Terrence Duffy, parents of Patrick Duffy, a star of the television series *Dallas*.

Le Pen runs

Paris (AFP) — M Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of the extreme-right National Front party in France, has announced he will run for President in 1988.

Death for £1

Lagos (AFP) — A 40-year-old blacksmith was sentenced to death for robbing a woman of five naira (under £1) and threatening her with a cutlass and a gun in Nigeria's southern state of Oyo.

Papal boots

El Paso, Texas (AP) — The Pope will be presented with a pair of cowboy boots with the papal seal on them when he visits San Antonio in September.

Sorry thief

Clearwater (AP) — Craig A. Motley, a 31-year-old roofer, robbed two Florida women of $101, then apologized, promised to repay the money and left his name and address, said police, who used the address to arrest him.

Dayaks win bargaining power in Sarawak poll

From M.G.G. Pillai, Kuala Lumpur

The National Front coalition was returned to power yesterday in the Sarawak state election, but the dominant Dayak tribes gave notice that more attention would now have to be paid to their grievances.

The Front lost its two-thirds majority, the political weather-vane of control in Malaysia, winning only 28 of the 48 seats at stake. It had 42 in the dissolved assembly.

The victory was none the less satisfying for the Chief Minister of Sarawak, Datuk Abdul Taib Mahmud, although it was unlikely to end tensions with his uncle and chief rival, Tun Abdul Rahman Ya'acob.

Their family feud was the reason behind the election being called. Tun Rahman, Datuk Taib's predecessor as Chief Minister, lost his own seat in the election.

The election was called last month after 27 state assemblymen defected to a group led by Tun Rahman.

The election campaign quickly became an articulation of Dayak grievances with the Dayak party, the Parti Bansa Dayak Bersatu (PBDS), winning 15 seats, more than double its total in the dissolved assembly, and Tun Rahman's Permas Party winning the other five.

The state coalition was represented in the election by the Parti Pesaka Bumiputra Bersatu (PBB), the Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP) and the Sarawak National Party (SNAP). Some painful political decisions may have to be made. The Dayak PBDS remains in the federal coalition, though not in the state grouping.

Datuk Taib would resist federal pressures to bring them back into the state coalition.

Laos said to still hold thousands in camps

Bangkok (AP) — Laos has released some political prisoners in recent months but continues to hold thousands in camps set up after the Communist victory in 1975, a human rights organization said.

The London-based Amnesty International said some prisoners were released between December and February, but added there are "several thousand people detained against their will in re-education camps in Laos".

However, Mr John Baker, a spokesman for the Canadian Embassy in Bangkok, said Western and Laotian sources told him that several hundred prisoners had been released.

"The releases had tended to take place among the upper middle class . . . in the ranks of colonels and directors," he said.

The number of those freed, Mr Baker said, were "enough to strain transportation" that took the prisoners out of the camps.

Mr Baker estimated only a few hundred political prisoners remained in Laos.

A spokesman for the Laotian Embassy said he could not comment on the number of prisoners or the releases.

Following the victory of the Communist Pathet Lao, camps were built to hold military officers, government officials and others associated with the fallen pro-US government in Laos.

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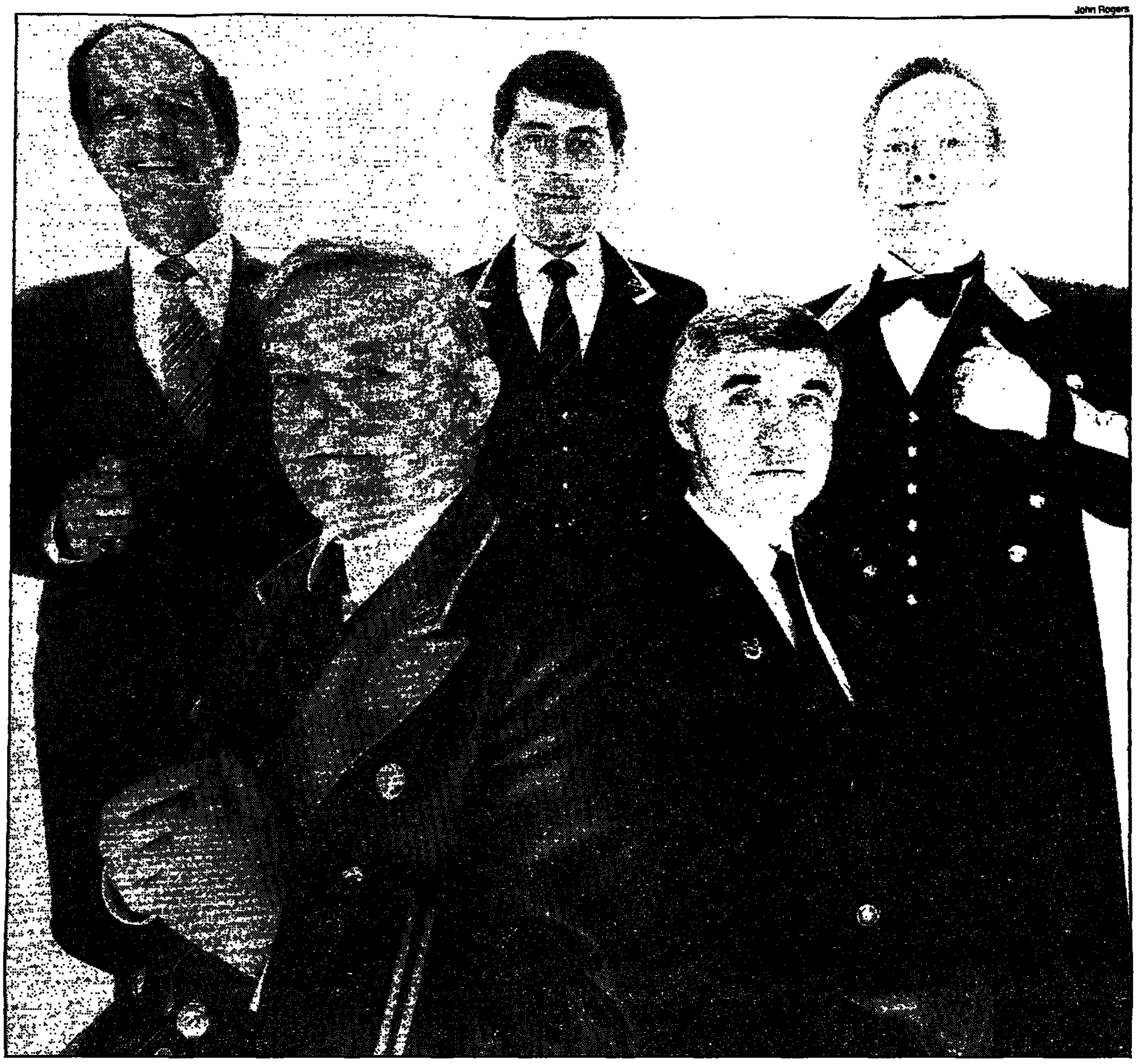
A weekly guide to leisure, entertainment and the arts

The men who command the front lobbies of some of the world's best hotels constitute an international brotherhood. They call themselves Les Clefs d'Or. **William Greaves** reports

Mister Fixits in the foyer



John Rogers

Key holders of London: (top, left to right) André of the Carlton Tower, Michael of the Ritz, Johnny of Claridges; (front) Stan of the Dorchester and Thom of Dukes

A businessman was once greatly put out to discover that a New York convention had filled the city's hotel accommodation and his usual room at the Pierre was unavailable. In desperation he rang Thom Broadbent, head porter at Dukes Hotel in London, where he stayed whenever he visited Britain. Broadbent immediately telephoned another head porter in New York, who just happened to know the secretary of the managing director of the Pierre; as if by magic, a room became available for the three nights in question.

The incident was just one more triumph for a remarkable international network of "Mr Fixits", unkindly described by its none-too-serious detractors as the Front Lobby Mafia, revered by thousands of travellers, operating across the frontiers of 24 countries, and known to its exclusive membership as Les Clefs d'Or — the Golden Keys.

Members must be head porters, assistant head porters, night porters or assistant night porters at the head of a staff of at least 12 — ranging from the little bell-hop, up through luggage porters, cloakroom attendants, doormen to enquiry clerks — who make up the front-of-house team of the world's grandest hotels. They might be "Johnny", "Frank" or "André" to their privileged clientele, but the gold braid on the livery leaves no real doubt that they are masters of their ships, ambassadors extraordinary, holders of the keys to a pampered Xanadu of gracious living.

Once a year they leave their desks beneath the chandeliers to come together for an international congress — last year it was held in Israel, 12 years ago they filled the Great Room of London's Grosvenor House hotel, where Charles Forte and the band of the Welsh Guards danced attendance — and every month the London fraternity meet at the Café Royal. And, without any hint of secret handshake or ceremony, that is where they swap notes, trade information, tip the wink about a new box office manager, a change of owner at a favourite restaurant, a new man in charge of ticket sales at Wimbledon or Wembley.

Their uniform is that of the trusted retainer, their sense of service restricts their language to a respectful "Sir" or "Madam", yet — telephone in hand — they are the nation's most effective travel agency, the most influential ticket gatherers in the land and weavers extraordinary of the impossible dream.

Arriving in Paris recently, I asked Jacques Dubois, concierge of the Hôtel Commodore, if he could recommend a good, quiet restaurant not too far away. He listened carefully to the request, picked up a phone and sketched out directions. The restaurant was crammed to overflowing and there was a short queue of hopefuls. I, however, was shown to the only empty table and immediately presented with a free glass of champagne, "You were sent by Monsieur Dubois" being the only explanation. Back in the hotel, I thanked the concierge and noticed for the first time the crossed keys insignia on his lapel. The society had struck again.

There is a popular myth that aspirant head porters of Britain's ritzier hotels must wait patiently to be offered the position by their fellow brethren and then pay their predecessor handsomely for the "pitch". This is untrue. What is true, however, is that hotel proprietors make enquiries among the brotherhood before making a new appointment, and anyone thrown out by Les Clefs d'Or can forget about the possibility of ever again wearing the livery of office. "We don't *actually take back his* badge," one London head porter told me. "But where can he wear it? If he is particularly nostalgic, I suppose he could pin it on his pyjamas."

Richard Davis, managing director of Dukes Hotel, tucked away behind St James's and haunt of some of London's most discerning visitors, put it carefully: "If *Thom* Broadbent left, I would have to be sure that his successor was acceptable within his own fraternity."

The doyen of the society, Robert Burdeyron, *now retired* after more than 20 years as head porter of Grosvenor House, was rather more expressive. "I am often asked whether I would like to become a Freemason", he says. "My answer is always that there is no need — because I already belong to Les Clefs d'Or!"

Whether they are members of a secret society or merely *exemplary servants, the 180* British holders of the crossed keys insignia, about half of them based in London, have a portfolio of prodigious achievements — and many of them have been spectacularly rewarded by grateful customers.

One West End head porter was recently sent a return air ticket to San Francisco so that he could be a surprise guest at a regular customer's fortieth birthday party. "People have different ways of saying thank you," says Johnny Spahr, the 60-year-old head porter of Claridges for the last 22 years. "But it is the thoughtful gifts which I treasure above all. I can remember in particular two customers who each gave me beautiful little watches in return for things I have done for them. And there is one Swiss gentleman whom I will never forget.

"Three years ago I had to go into hospital for a big heart bypass operation and when I woke up properly after a [illegible] of days I saw beside the bed a bottle of Swiss liqueur and a get-well card. I later learnt that this gentleman had rung me at the hotel and found out that I was in hospital. So he had caught the *first London plane out of* Geneva and had sat on the end of my bed for two and a half hours before leaving his gift and flying home again."

No one could dispute Spahr's entitlement to reverence. Among his credits stand the purchase of a particularly rare breed of flamingo for a customer who blew in from Buenos Aires — "Easy, that one; I just phoned London zoo *and they told me where to go*" — and a remarkable regular service for a frequent visitor from the Middle East. "He is a lovely man and a very keen gardener," says Spahr. "Every so often he will cut out a picture from a magazine, mark several plants that he wants, and post it to me. Each *time I have to send someone* to the Royal Horticultural Society's gardens at Wisley to identify the plants before going out to buy them. As soon as we've got them assembled in the hotel, he flies over and collects them."

The telephone rings. "It was one of our regular visitors from Geneva," Spahr says as he replaces the receiver. "She is coming to stay tomorrow *and wanted me to get a couple* of tickets for *Phantom of the Opera*. I told her I would get them, of course, but that's a particularly tricky one just at the moment." A friend of mine recently rang for *Phantom* tickets for the first available Monday night and was given a date in June — so how, *I wondered, does Spahr manage it?* "Over the years you make a few contacts," he says darkly.

And when contacts fail, there is still innate cunning to fall back upon. One head porter, who understandably prefers to remain unnamed, recalls the occasion when a Maggie Smith film was playing for a restricted run at a Mayfair cinema prior to its scheduled *London opening*; an important hotel guest arrived unexpectedly and was keen to see it.

Discovering that there was not a seat to be had and that the waiting list was growing by the minute, the dutiful concierge rang the box office manager, introduced himself and explained, rather untruthfully, that Maggie Smith's nephew had arrived in the hotel unexpectedly and was there anything that could be done for him? "Two house tickets were laid on," he remembers, "and I warned our guest not to look too surprised if he was given the VIP *treatment and addressed* as Mr Smith."

Broadbent, currently vice-president of the British section of Les Clefs d'Or, is an acknowledged master of a much more legitimate method of tracking down "impossible" theatre tickets and restaurant tables.

He fished out a note from his inside pocket, as though to prove the point; it had been left on his counter a few minutes before, by an American lady who had just checked out.

"Dear Thom," it read. "Many thanks for making the impossible possible. We loved our great meal at Ma Cuisine, adored our evening at *Les Misérables* . . ." Anyone who has ever tried to get into Ma Cuisine, one of London's most heavily-booked restaurants, at short notice would surely have echoed her sentiments.

How does he do it? "If a new show is about to open I will sometimes buy a whole load of tickets in advance," he says. "If I look like being stuck with them on one particular night I just pick up the phone and let other members know that I've got them. Of course I sometimes send a bottle of champagne around to a restaurateur who has done me a particular favour, but it's a two-way business and one of mutual trust. And we all have our particular specialities. If it's Wimbledon centre court tickets or the Cup Final we want, we generally know who to ring."

The network is also useful for less entertaining purposes. *If an hotel guest leaves with a* bad debt, one phone call to the British president of Les Clefs d'Or — currently Tony Garcia of the Royal Lancaster — triggers off a general alert which covers every member hotel in London and, if necessary, the rest of the country within about 10 minutes. The rules of membership contain only two taboos: do not provide prostitutes for even the most lonely of jet-set customers — "we just point them in the direction of the most, er, appropriate club" — and never reveal the monetary rewards for being the world's most exclusive booking agency.

"I've got a big car and my two children are at good schools," says Broadbent. And the rest was a smile and a shrug.

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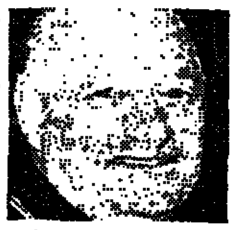

Robert Burdeyron

Although the concierges of France's luxury hotels formed themselves into a national organization in the 1930s, *it was not until* 1952 that Ferdinand Gillet, head porter of the Hôtel Scribes in Paris, created an international network called the *Union Internationale des Portiers des Grand Hotels* — "Les Clefs d'Or". Last year, Hungary became the 24th country to be incorporated into the ranks of an almost exclusively male brotherhood.

Only once in its 35-year history, between 1972 and 1974, has the organization had a British president — the legendary Robert Burdeyron, now 76, who became a page boy at Claridges in 1925, proceeded via lift boy, commis waiter, telephone operator and station messenger to assistant hall porter and moved to Grosvenor House as head *porter in 1956*.

"I remember the day when John Whitney, later to be American ambassador in London, said to me: 'I'm in a fix, Burdie — I've been asked to have tea with the Queen at Balmoral today and I just can't get there in time.' So I rang Air Commodore Whitney Straight, who was chairman of British European Airways, and asked him whether he could help. Within half an hour he got permission to use a Royal Navy aerodrome near Balmoral and a charter plane got him *there in time for* the appointment." Then there was the occasion when David Niven, unmarried at the time, was absent-minded enough to *find himself being* awaited at the Mayfair Hotel by two women friends simultaneously.

"He said that it was the blonde one that he really wanted to meet. Fortunately the head porter at the Mayfair was one of our members and I asked him to tell the brunette that Mr Niven had been unavoidably delayed at the studios and to ring me back when she had left and the coast was clear."

Nor was "Burdie" in the least bit surprised to be asked by two Iranian brothers to find suitable schools for their children, *pay the school fees and* send to Teheran for money whenever it was required. His reward was an all-expenses-paid holiday in Iran for himself, his wife and one of his daughters.

Today Robert Burdeyron wears a tie bearing the crossed keys emblem and studded with 18 diamonds — one for each of the years he served as president of the British branch of Les Clefs d'Or.

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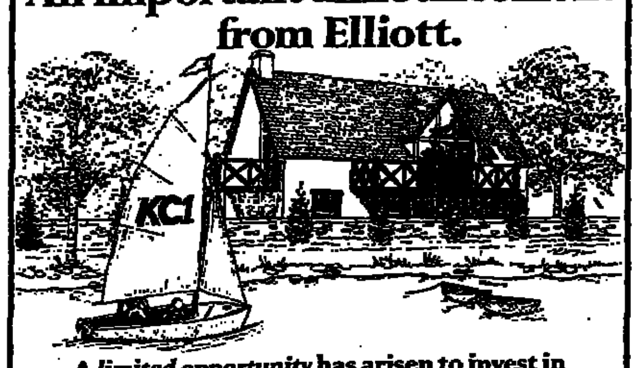

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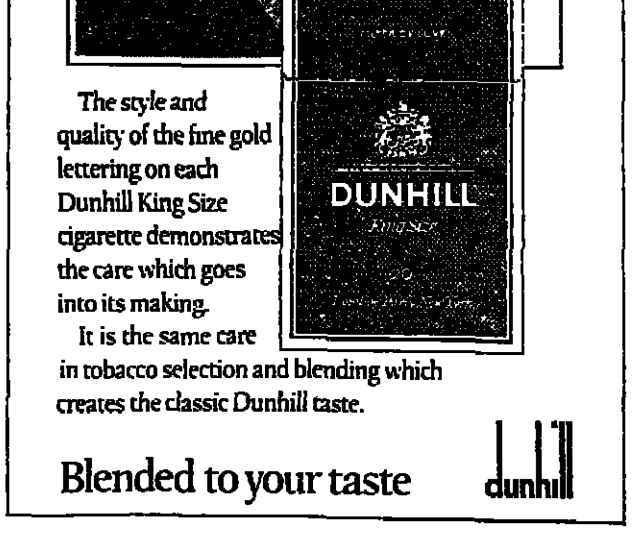

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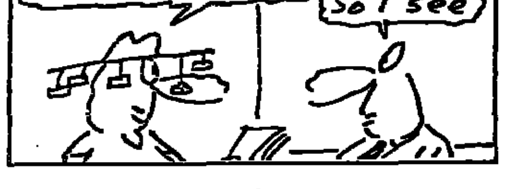
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Grand canals – even grander treasures

Keep it short and sweet is the advice of **Guy Topham** for a first visit to the magical splendour of bustling Venice

Those who have never been to Venice must be tired of being told of the pleasures that await. In defence, some say that they have heard it is overrated and too crowded, hot, smelly or claustrophobic. Most obstacles to unalloyed Venetian delight can be avoided by considering some simple advice.

For a first visit, a short package holiday is best. A four-night stay is insurance against prolonged bad weather, the feet starting to ache, or disenchantment with art and architecture. It will also ensure that you are delivered to the door of your hotel, usually by motor-boat, as most of the small and quiet Venetian hotels are tucked away and hard to find.

A dozen tour operators offer a range of holidays in anything from *pensions* to somewhere grand like the Danieli. There is an advantage, however, in choosing Thomas Cook or Citalia because both have large and helpful branches in St Mark's Square and the resources to cope with problems. On our last visit with Thomas Cook, its courier in Venice was a charming, multilingual Oxford graduate who visited each of the hotels used by *his* customers at prearranged times every other day.

Choosing a hotel can be difficult at first because all look so delightful in the brochure illustrations. Remember that for every room with the view one expects there are 20 overlooking alleys, courtyards or dank, forgotten canals. Delight on arrival at finding one's room in the Hotel Accademia – a favourite with British literati; its garden is draped with wistaria in spring – overlooking the San Trovaso canal, can turn to dismay before dawn next morning when the provisions barges that use it as a short cut to the Grand Canal sound their hooters beneath the window.

Standards can vary from year to year, particularly when a family-run hotel changes hands and the new proprietor is interested primarily in exploiting its reputation; perhaps stops serving any meal but breakfast and relies on package tourists who may be too timid to complain. At the Hotel alla Salute da Cici, of which we had heard so much, the management expressed surprise when we complained that the room they offered reeked of old cigarette smoke and it was impossible to leave the windows or solid shutters open as they gave directly on to a public walkway.

Of the small, simple and inexpensive hotels in the package brochures, our favourite is the Bucintoro on the Riva degli Schiavoni near the entrance to the Arsenale canal; Whistler etched from its windows and every one commands a sumptuous view of the basin of San Marco.

Venice is magical at any season but it is as well to know what to expect. Most will find July and August too hot and crowded, although there is a sultry excitement in Venetian summers. Winter offers a chill, misty city for exploration without crowds – except during the February carnival – and there are those who choose to go then, regarding its pleasures as a private secret; certainly the contrast between the warmth of hotels and restaurants and the fog-horns and snow-flurries outside give Venice an enticing perspective. Spring and autumn are best, although in April, and even May, it can rain for days on end.

Once there, equipped with guidebooks and the most detailed map you can find, buy a 24-hour waterbus ticket, if you plan to make six or more ferry-trips a day, and prepare to explore.

Hitherto, I have advised starting a first visit at the centre with a ride to the top of the great *campanile* and walks through the basilica of San Marco and the Doge's palace – after all the whole place was designed to impress tourists, so why not behave like one? – but now I am not so sure. There is something to be said for plunging directly into the haunting labyrinth of the city, almost to lose yourself (but not quite) in the search for that secretive something that is always whisking around the next corner of alley or canal.

An aimless wander is to invite bewilderment and irritation, so an aiming point is essential: perhaps a distant church or palace with licence to stop and look at, or into, anything along the way. Remembering that the most celebrated churches are shut in the afternoon, a morning's exploration could aim for one at an extremity of the city – San Nicolo dei Mendicoli in the west, or the Madonne dell' Orto in the north, perhaps; both have been restored by British contributions to the Venice in Peril appeal.

More exciting than the churches and palaces familiar from coffee-table books are those found by chance that demand to be revisited, such as the turn-of-the-century artist's studio in the Palazzo Fortuny and the little classical church of San Maurizio on the path from San Marco to the Accademia bridge.

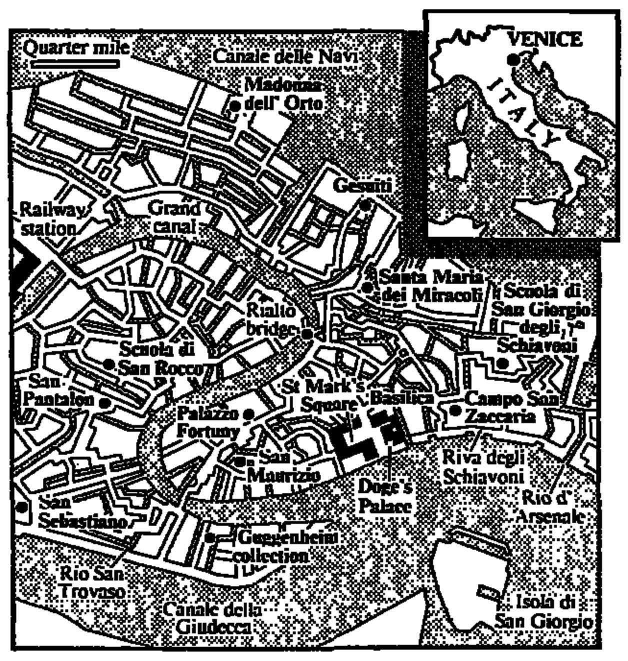
Shopping can provide another trail to follow. A search for the most Venetian of wine glasses – and escape from the vulgarity of much of the Murano glass made for tourists – can lead to the Campo San Zaccaria and an entertaining conversation with the ebullient Signor Siffi in his dark cavern of a shop.

And when taking a late *vaporetto* down the Grand Canal after dinner, look up at the tall windows of the *piano nobile* of each palace that passes. Some will be lighted, revealing a glimpse of old chandeliers of Murano glass, painted ceilings, the rich, dark colours of pictures that might have come from the studio of Titian or Tintoretto and, in gilded frames, mirrors clouded with age in which you could be almost surprised to see your own reflection.

TRAVEL NOTES

Weekend package holidays in Venice costing upwards of £165, according to hotel and season, are offered by Thomas Cook, Citalia, Thomson, Pegasus and Italviaggi among others. British Airways and Alitalia operate scheduled flights to Venice and there is a comfortable rail service via Paris and the Orient Express.

A guidebook that can recommend its rivals is surely to be trusted and this is yet another reason for packing Sheila Hale's *The American Express Guide to Venice* (Mitchell Beazley, £4.95) which is as compact as it is comprehensive as it is original. Lady Hale knows the city intimately and those who pride themselves on their own expertise will be surprised at the number of Venetian secrets they will find they share with her. There are recommendations of hotels, restaurants and shops.



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TRAVEL NEWS

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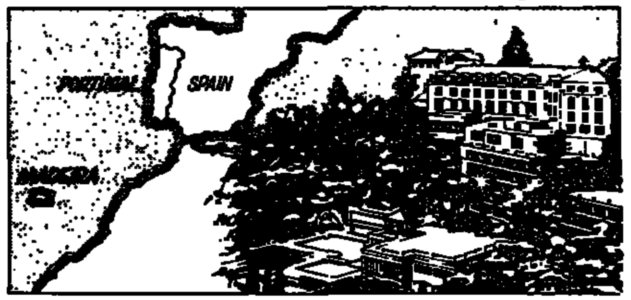

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OUT AND ABOUT

Lighter side of gravity

Dymphna Byrne sets foot in a simple brick farmhouse that raised a genius

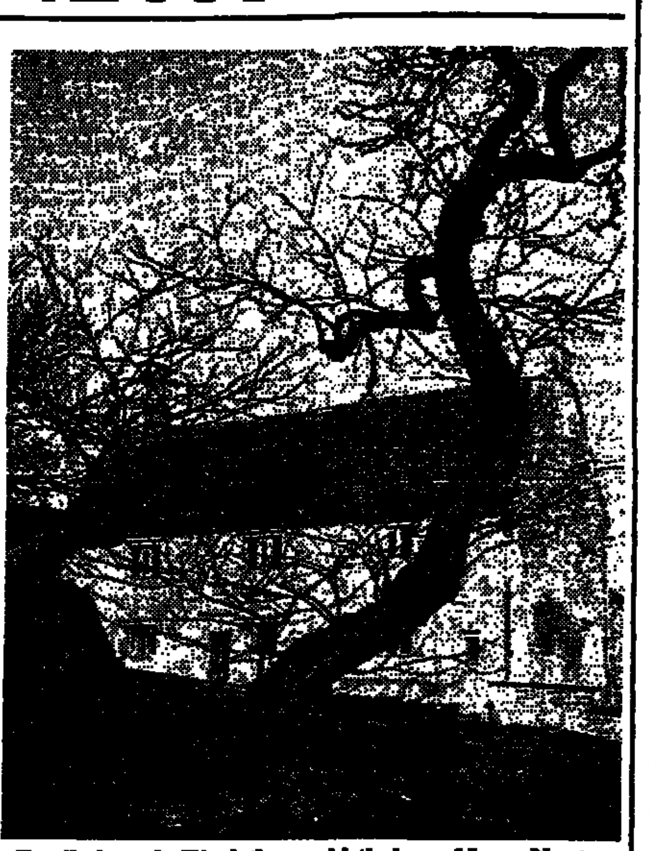
The twisted cottage apple tree in Isaac Newton's garden is alive and fruitful. Marian Cullen, custodian of Woolsthorpe Manor, where Newton was born on Christmas Day 1642, has a freezer full of pies made from the cooking apples. Newton would have liked such careful husbandry. He came from generations of yeoman Lincolnshire farmers and always kept a practical interest in his birthplace.

Much of his creative work on optics and gravity was done at Woolsthorpe when he was in his mid-20s. He came home from Cambridge in 1665 to escape the plague and "was in the prime of my age for invention, and minded mathematics and philosophy more than at any time since". He probably planned to retire to Woolsthorpe, but died in London where he had built an observatory in his house off Leicester Square.

In 1987, the tercentenary of the publication of *Principia Mathematica*, Newton's major work on universal gravitation and motion, Woolsthorpe is still an enticing retirement retreat. A simple double-fronted, early 17th-century house of pale Ancaster stone, it is tucked into a small, sunny hollow on the west bank of the Witham, seven miles south of Grantham.

It is quiet farming country. Black cows stand in the farmyard behind the house and hay is stacked in the barn. Inside there are deep-set stone mullioned windows, plain whitewashed walls, coconut matting and sturdy country furniture. There are none of the distractions of rich embellishments: it is the small simple house of a farming family.

Woolsthorpe was given to the National Trust by the Royal Society in 1943 but there have always been visitors — from the 18th-century antiquarian, Stukeley, to Einstein in 1930. But today, most of the visitors come simply because it is the birthplace of Newton.



Family branch: Woolsthorpe, birthplace of Isaac Newton

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Woolsthorpe Manor at Colsterworth (0476 860338) is open from Wednesday to Sunday, 1pm-5.30pm, open bank holiday Mondays. Groups must book in advance as numbers in the rooms have to be strictly limited.

Easter treats for all the family

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***Judy Froshaug* presents a selection of what's on and where.**

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EASTER EGG HUNT: 5,000 mini chocolate eggs hidden in the castle grounds plus 50 silver eggs which win finders £2 vouchers and one golden egg with a prize of a Hornby Hobby set or Flower Fairy set.
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Ellesmere Port Boat Museum, Merseyside (051 355 5017). Today, tomorrow, Monday 10am-5pm. Adult £2.50, child £1

IN THE GARDEN

Revolution in a basket

There has been a revolution in hanging baskets. Until recently, I refused house room, inside or out, to any of them. When first planted, plain wire baskets look drearily spartan, then, as the plants begin to fill out, they grow demanding. Ignore them for a day and everything dies, but to water, dead-head and prune them requires you to teeter at your peril and inconvenience on chairs and ladders to reach the wretched objects.

Such trials are now in the past. Any standard basket (and some garden centres are producing more attractive designs even in their cheaper ranges) can be fitted with a rachet device by which you can easily raise and lower a basket weighing up to 25lb. I was converted by an attractive wrought iron hanging container, decorative enough to keep as a permanent fixture, with a strong bracket to match, fitted with a simple locking chain with which you can pull the basket up and down.

I'm not keen on the other area of development which involves overhead watering devices because I like to be able to see what's going on inside the basket.

Clare Roberts

Another thing which used to put me off hanging baskets was the ugly conventional planting and colour schemes, plants crowded in with no sense of design or colour. You can still see them: scarlet geraniums trapped between fierce yellow alyssum and royal blue lobelia. The new wave planting is more stylish with attention to texture as well as colour: baskets which are all foliage, a crisp green and white scheme, or a drift of fashionable pastels.

One has to keep in mind the final position of the basket and to plant from that point of view. Plants which will hang and trail gracefully are vital: ivy is very rewarding though its effect is frequently spoiled by bad company.

Try a small variegated ivy with white lobelia or a trailing white or pale pink pelargonium. A variegated ground ivy hangs beautifully and looks lovely with lilacs and soft blues. I am devoted to the double white arabis, which gives a starry bright effect against the soft leaves of the common garden lady's mantle *Alchemilla mollis*.

It is important not to forget that you need some height, even in a hanging display. For early season, forget-me-not is simple and effective, later scented geraniums work well and the little double *Chrysanthemum parthenium* seems to go on flowering for ever.

Because hanging baskets need a lot of watering — perhaps twice a day in hot weather — I prefer to use a loam-based compost (John Innes No 2) which does not dry out so aggressively as peat. However, it makes a heavy basket so it is important to have a strong bracket secured firmly. Wrought iron containers require some kind of inner framework otherwise the liner will fall out. It is quite easy to loop or tie an almost invisible thin plastic netting and to line this with moss, giving an attractive effect from the beginning.

Flairmet wrought iron Hanging Cauldron (about £9.75) and Easy Watering Bracket (£6.99) are at main do-it-yourself shops and stores.

A range of hanging basket recipes are in *Creative Container Gardening* by Kathleen Brown and Effie Romain. For nervous beginners, Patio Plants (Saltash Cornwall, PL12 6BR) will send a mail order Hanging Baskets Offer which includes two plastic baskets and chains, two sets of plants with easy instructions and the correct quantity of fertilized compost (£14.95).

Francesca Greenoak

GARDENING NEWS

Tomorrow sees the beginning of the Cornwall Gardens Festival, a celebration of the anniversary of 75 years of the Cornwall Spring Show. From now until May 4, some of the best gardens in the county from Penzance to the Tamar will be open to the public. Grouped regionally, they include the great estates of Caerhays Castle (April 27) or Chyverton (by appointment during festival period) famous for their woodland, shrubs, camellias and exotic plants and a number of smaller gardens of special interest.

The high point of the festival fortnight will be the great flower show at Trelissick on April 25 and 26. As well as the outstanding magnolias, camellias and rhododendrons there will be an anniversary exhibit which will illustrate the contribution made by the Cornish plant breeders and collectors to British horticulture.

For the 34-page Festival Guide, send cheque/PO for £1.25 made out to the Cornwall Garden Society at "Chysbryn", Bareppa, Mawnan Smith, Falmouth, TR11 5EG.

WEEKEND TIPS

- **There is still time to plant raspberries and remove distant suckers from existing stock.**
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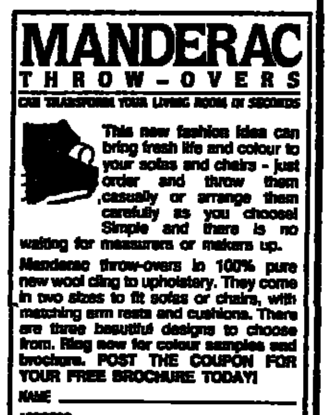

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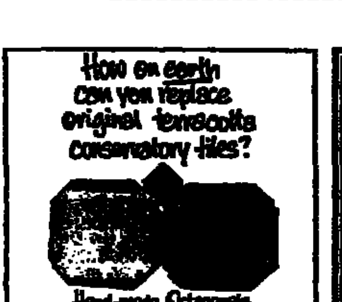

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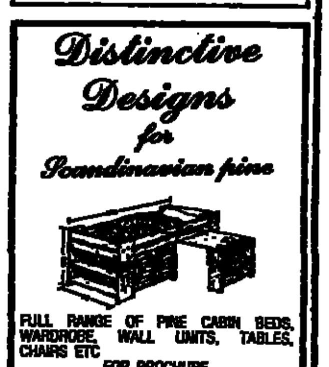

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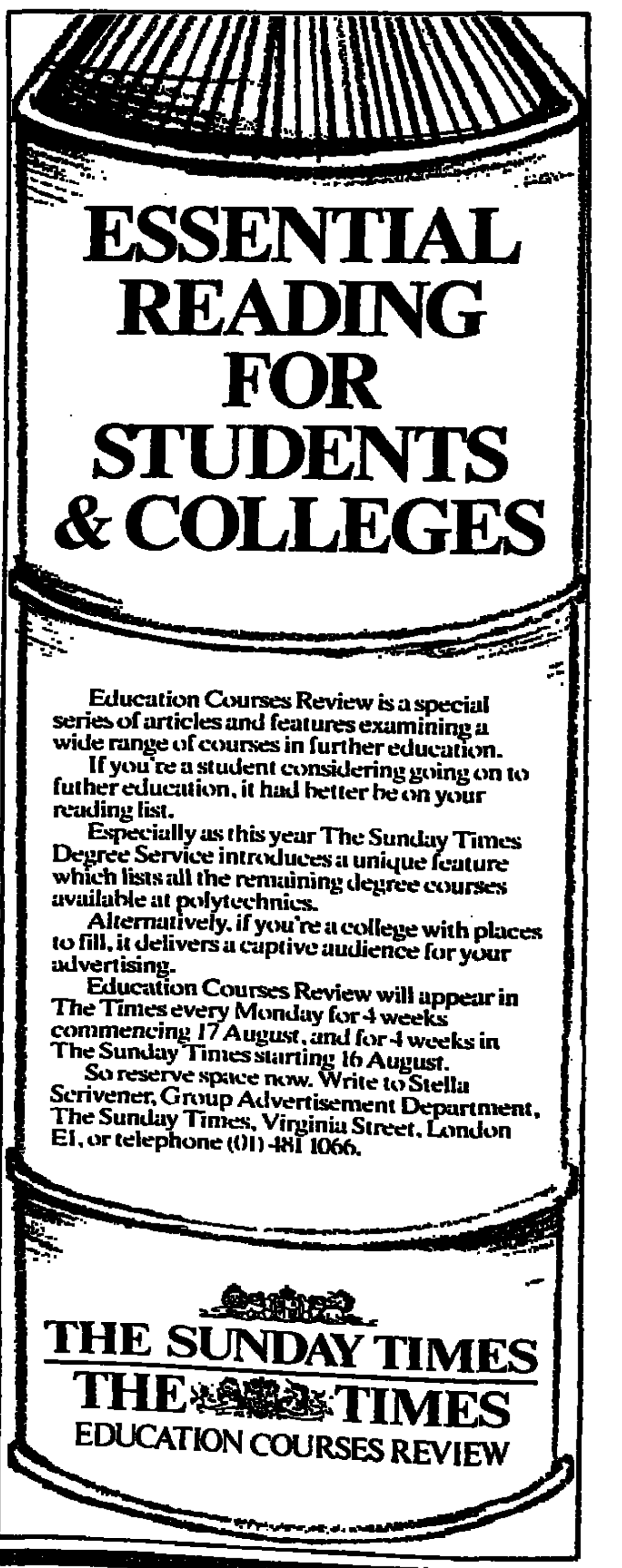

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THE TIMES COOK

Art in garlic and tomato

The abundance of flavour in southern French cooking can be addictive, according to guest cook Leslie Forbes

Diana Leadbetter

In southern France, where the natives' veins run with olive oil instead of blood, the cooking style is less Picasso's dignified Blue Period than the punch-drunk kineticism of his later Cubism.

But if the flavours of this southern cuisine – of anise and garlic, orange peel and tomatoes and olive oil – seem flashy and bold at first taste, they are also strangely addictive. I can remember a lunch in Marseilles, that Liverpool of the south, when sea bass was served, the marks of the grill criss-crossing its crisp skin. Moistened with good olive oil and laid on a plate with no more than a heaped spoonful of crushed black olives for company, it was odd and wonderful. And poached salmon with cucumber has never had the same appeal again. In the following recipe, from Provence's *flat* salt-plain, the Camargue, the clam broth is as much the point as the clams.

Clams with pastis
Serves four

2kg (4lb) small clams
1 *small onion, finely* chopped
2 garlic cloves, crushed
300ml (10fl oz) dry white wine
150ml (5fl oz) pastis – eg: Ricard
1 tsp coriander seeds
3-4 tbsp crème fraîche (or double cream)
4-6 tbsp olive oil
handful fresh parsley, chopped

Soak the little clams for 5-10 minutes in cold salted water and discard any with damaged shells. In a deep pan bring onion, garlic, wine, pastis, coriander and olive oil to a full boil. When reduced by about half, throw in the clams and parsley and shake the pan until the clams open. Continue cooking for a further *minute and remove the clams* to a hot serving bowl. Stir the cream into the sauce and pour it over the clams. Serve im*mediately with* plenty of crusty bread.

This is a decorative version of *poule au pot*. Because its success depends on the flavour of the bird, it demands a real chicken that has never seen the inside of a factory.

Spring chicken with leeks
Serves four

1 spring chicken, about *1.1kg (2½lb)*
coarse sea salt
1 tsp fennel seeds
4 tbsp olive oil
3 cloves garlic, crushed
340ml (12fl oz) good stock
3-inch strip of orange peel
2 tomatoes, peeled, seeded and crushed
6 leeks, trimmed, rinsed and halved lengthwise
4 white inner sticks of celery, with leaves
8 baby carrots, scraped, with 1 inch of green top

With a sharp knife, split chicken lengthwise down its backbone and spread open. Rub lots of sea salt into its skin and sprinkle with fennel seeds.

Cook garlic until softened in 2 tbsp olive oil, add chicken and brown well. Pour in the stock with the orange peel and tomatoes, cover tightly and cook *over* low heat *until* chicken is tender (about 1½ hours).

About 40 minutes before the end of cooking, lift the chicken and lay the leeks and celery underneath. Arrange the carrots around the chicken, cover again and continue cooking. Ten minutes before serving, remove the lid, add plenty of ground black pepper and the remaining olive oil. Allow the stock to reduce. Serve the chicken in the centre of a big plate with the vegetables, moistened with savoury juices, moulded around the edge.

The spinach in this creamy pastryless cheesecake will seem less unpromising to those who have tried the superb, *sweet, swiss-chard tart* that is so popular in Nice. From the same source come the additions of pine nuts and *raisins, although* the recipe method is inspired by Russia's Easter pashka.

Ricotta pudding
Serves four to six

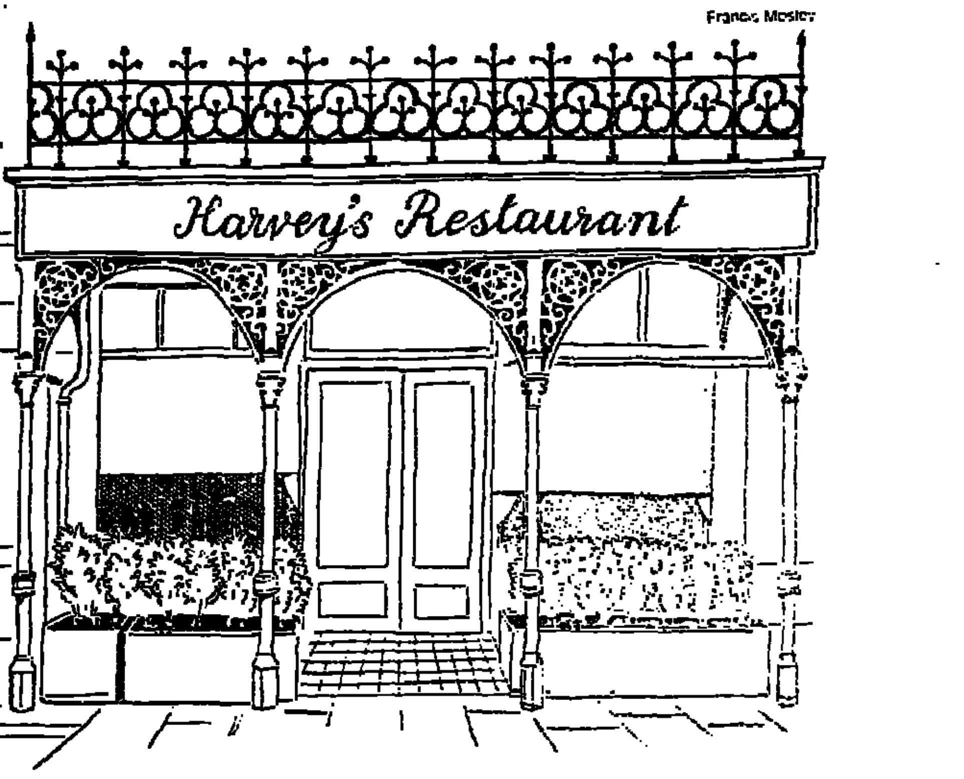
2 bags fresh spinach, well washed, or 1 bag frozen
110g (4oz) sugar
2 large egg yolks
110g (4oz) unsalted butter
390g (14oz) ricotta
seeds from ½ vanilla pod
150ml (¼pt) crème fraîche or sour cream
3 tsp grated lemon zest plus extra to decorate
handful seedless *raisins*
handful pine nuts

First cook the spinach for *about 10 minutes in boiling* water, squeeze out all the moisture and chop finely. Beat the sugar and eggs until light *and thick. Cream* the *butter*, add the sugar and eggs and mix well. Beat in the ricotta until the mixture is completely smooth, then *stir in* all the remaining ingredients.

Line a medium-sized clay flowerpot (be sure it is clean) with muslin over the top, cover with a saucer and weight it heavily. Suspend the pot over a bowl to allow the excess liquid to drip out and refrigerate overnight. To serve, turn the pudding out on to a plate. Remove the muslin, pile some muscat grapes around the pudding base and scatter the top with julienned lemon zest.

A Table in Provence by Leslie Forbes is published on April 27 by Webb & Bower/Michael Joseph, price £12.95.

EATING OUT


Francis Mosley

Man of fashion in a world of his own

Jonathan Meades in chic suburbia where flavours of the past meet the present with an individualistic flair

Ten years ago the premises might have housed a wine bar, five years ago a cocktail lounge. *Fashions shift quickly* – that is the thing about fashions; so it is not all that surprising that this Victorian *building looking north across* Wandsworth Common now houses a fairly expensive, fairly chic and thoroughly serious restaurant.

After all, serious restaurants where you can spend serious money are to the penultimate decade of *the millenium* what pleasure gardens were to the mid-19th century: sites of materialistic modishness to which the prosperous may retire to recreate themselves in the knowledge that they're doing the right thing, the thing their peers do.

There are quite a few serious restaurants that are not that serious: they may kid themselves that their cooking is what's of paramount moment, but often as not they're providing a culinary entertainment that is formulaic, tired, copyist, safe. Originality is only original if you're the *first there.*

What is notable about **Harvey's** on Wandsworth Common is that it is serious but not formulaic. The chef-owner, a man with the polyglot name of Marco Pierre *White, has the nerve and* confidence to cook in a manner that is not much like any other cook in London. I make the qualification "in London" because Signor or M'sieur or Mr White has an evident knowledge of the work of such French cooks as Alain Dutournier and Michel Bras who are at the van of the reaction against the modernist tendency in cooking called nouvel cuisine.

Originality is only original if you are the first there

"Nouvel" cuisine – best translated as "novelty cooking" – was the culinary rage analogue of, say, the *nouveau roman* or late-modern architecture. It was minimalist, reductionist, self-proclaimingly experimental and wantonly eager to break with the past. It was more notable for what it proscribed than for what it achieved. In this at least it was characteristically revolutionary.

The point about Dutournier, a Gascon with two restaurants in Paris, and Bras, an Auvergnat who works in his native one-horse town between Le Puy and Millau, is not that they have put the clock back but that they have reworked the past with hands contaminated by modernism. Sgr White has no regional tradition to play with because regional traditions in Britain are moribund. He is, thus, in the happy position of being able to do what he wants with whatever produce he can get and what his talents will allow: London's markets are now such that just about any kitchen in the world can be mimicked.

What is odd is that White, admirably I believe, works within sedulously self-determined boundaries. He sets himself limits: anything *doesn't go. His menu under*states every dish with arrogant modesty. Calves' brains *en gelée* with asparagus suggests an air of mid-Channel nothingness, but is actually breathtakingly executed.

The offal is perfectly trimmed, the jelly is firm and meaty, the asparagus stalks are sliced *down their length*, the sauce (a reduction of shallots and sherry vinegar with cream thinned by stock) is marvellously subtle and savoury, and works well because it insinuatingly complements the brains, emphasizes rather than masks their subtlety. *This dish was a virtuoso piece* of work in flavour and texture and, furthermore, in appearance.

White's dishes look good enough to eat as well as to photograph. They are glossy, hard-edged, like *ideals* of dishes, and they are arranged in such a way as to whet the appetite and invite one to a proper nosh-up rather than to demonstrate the flower-arranging skills of the kitchen.

Having said that, it must be admitted that another starter was perhaps better to look at than to taste. This was a thick slice of a terrine of ratatouille bound in spinach and dressed with olive oil. Through the centre of the terrine ran three or four wedges of lamb fillet. A certain *misjudgement* was apparent here: the meat was so thoroughly permeated by the musty taste of the peppers in the ratatouille that it had none of its own.

One main course – rather tersely called a "main board" – was an entire saddle of rabbit given a powerful langoustine sauce: this was fuel as well as "cuisine", and was splendid.

The other main course was as startling to the eye as to the tongue. On a potato gallette sat a thick steak of veal and on top of that a lawnmower-green cake of dryish parsley and spinach and on top of that a julienne of carrots that flopped like the hair of a Rastafarian who has got his hands on a tub of Crazy Colour. There was much more spinach, of the leaf variety, pressed *into a tight cylinder* and a fine alcohol-based sauce.

The copiousness of the portions continues with the sweets: grapefruit and orange segments with a glazed sabayon sauce: orange terrine with a passion fruit syrup. This is a place that you leave knowing that you have been *fed.*

Coffee is served with petits fours and truffles and tiny warm cakes – all of them done with the care and panache that characterizes the preparation of the more central components of the meal.

He sets himself limits: everything doesn't go

Harvey's wine list is not extensive but it is cosmopolitan. The Lebanese Chateau Musar is one of the greatest bargains available in Britain today and this place does well to stock it. With a bottle of *that and two aperitifs the bill* for a fine and generous meal was £65.

The fact that Harvey's is, within three months of opening, booked up a week or more ahead may of course testify only to the efficiency of its PR. But I think not. It is the genuine article and one which demonstrates, moreover, that the way forward is to be discovered through a judicious reworking of the past – albeit a past that belongs to another country, another kitchen.

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DRINK

A wise buy or just goodbye?

Jane MacQuitty relieves the headache of choosing the new crop of Bordeaux

Eric Beaumont

To buy or not to buy a Bordeaux *vintage in its early en primeur* (or still in cask) state is, arguably, every English wine merchant's toughest annual decision. Too little bought could mean missing the gravy train altogether; too much could result in embarrassing cut-price bin-end sales to customers and unprofitable offloading to other merchants.

This year the decision not to back the 1986 claret horse with a heavy wager has al*ready, it seems*, been taken by many leading wine merchants. Most of them have yet to taste the '86s, but early reports indicate it to be a good, if variable, year. Our cellars, they say, and, much more importantly, those of the Bordelais, are awash with wine.

The record claret crops of both the 1986 and 1985 vintage, following on from the much praised and much bought '82s and '83s, plus the well-thought-of '81s has precipitated this Bordeaux backlog. And, for the first time in years, it seems Bordeaux has become a buyer's market.

Of course the burning ques*tion now for Bordeaux*-watchers concerns the prices. Will they all come tumbling down? What prices will the Bordeaux proprietors eventually charge for their '86s? And, given the fragile market, at what price level will these '86 clarets actually be worth buying, if at all, *en primeur?*

So far, few important châteaux have released their '86 prices. Those that have include Palmer, down by a responsible 17 per cent on last year, and those of the leading house of J. P. Moueix, representing Petrus among other important right bank *châteaux, down by an equally* responsible 20 per cent. These two reductions do not necessarily mean that all the other *Bordelais will follow suit.*

What price you are prepared to pay, or you should pay, for a slice of the 1986 claret cake depends on numerous factors. Patently anyone with a child or godchild born in '86 will be keen to buy the year, regardless. So will those wine drinkers who are just starting a cellar and are keen to buy claret the fashionable way – *en primeur.* And anyone who has money which, for financial reasons, they must invest now, will no doubt buy the '86s as will those who did not buy heavily in '81, '82, '83 and '85. Similarly, devoted claret *drinkers who buy* certain châteaux every year will not want to miss out on the '86s for good wines, by all accounts, *have been made.*

The case against buying the '86 clarets at the early, *en primeur*, stage includes those wine drinkers *who want to* make money from this transaction, either to finance their own cellars or as an investment. Given the buoyant stockmarket and a depressed wine market it makes much sounder financial sense to invest in the former, especially as many wine men feel that the '86s will be on sale for the same price this time next year.

Anyone sitting on cases of '82 and '83 clarets will understandably be reluctant to buy yet another claret vintage as will those sitting on the '85s, a year, incidentally, that many Bordelais consider superior to *the* '83 vintage (but behind the '82s), although I am not certain I entirely agree with them. Perhaps the strongest argument *for not buying* the '86s is the considerable stocks of '82s, '83s and '81s that are still around, both more mature than the '86s and, in many cases, finer.

One factor every wine merchant agrees on is that the top Bordeaux properties have now gone to absurdly high price levels. Even Nicholas Davies from the Hungerford Wine Company, who is now probably the second biggest buyer of *en primeur* claret in the country after the Wine Society, admitted that it was only those wines priced up to £10 a bottle in the UK that could be considered a good buy. This actually precludes almost half of Hungerford's estimated prices in their 1986 Bordeaux *en primeur* Prior Commit*ment Scheme and the detailed* forthright accompanying Château Chart.

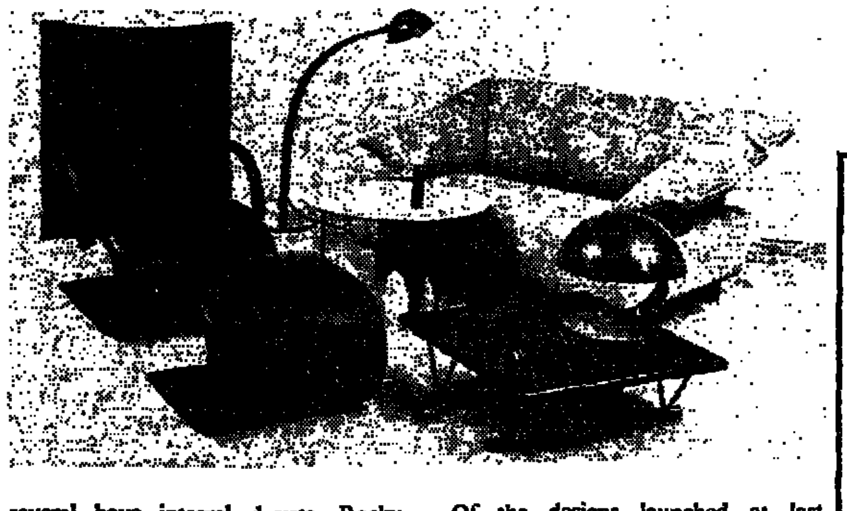
But Davies, unlike most other UK wine merchants, has already tasted and made his selection of more than 300 of the '86 clarets and his prices are likely to be some of the lowest there are. Anyone interested in buying the '86s should certainly send off now, for both the Château Chart and the Prior Commitment Scheme brochure from the *Hungerford Wine Company*, 128 High Street, Hungerford, Berkshire (0488 83238), before the offer closes on April 30.

Equally useful is Anthony Hanson's succinct, well-written *1986 Clarets and the Market in General* leaflet, one of the best market reports I have read. (It can obtained from Haynes, Hanson & Clark, 17 Lettuce Street, London SW6, 01-736 7878).

Armed with both, you should have all the ammunition needed to decide whether to buy or not to buy Bordeaux 1986 *en primeur.*

SHOPPING

Sitting pretty in the height of comfort


Left to right: Zen armchair in black leather (£415) and footstool (£219); Flex light (£175); Sulky table with wheels (£177); Archibald two-seater, from £757; Prao occasional table (£153); *Cobra lamp (£160).*

Ligne Roset is a name synonymous with contemporary furniture in France. Now, hard on the heels of Ligne Roset's 10-month-old London showroom, another five shops are planned in and around the city over the next three years.

Backbones of Ligne Roset's range are upholstered sofas and chairs, both classic *and avant-garde. Multi*-function cabinets and shelving units are also popular. Most of the furniture is made at Ligne Roset's eight factories in France while the accessories – lighting, occasional tables, rugs, mirrors, blinds – come from Italy, Austria and the UK.

The company started life in the 1880s near Lyons where Antoine Roset's woodturning workshops produced walking sticks and bentwood handles for umbrellas. It is *still very much a family concern* with Michel and Pierre Roset – great-grandsons of the founder – currently joint chairmen.

It is typical of Ligne Roset's practical approach that most of their upholstered furniture's covers are removable for cleaning. *Additionally, a new* Du Pont Teflon-based spray, called Ultra-Care, can be applied after manufacture to protect fabrics against stains. Up to 300 choices of covering are available, from cottons, velours and jacquard weaves to luxurious leathers.

One of Ligne Roset's winning formulas centres on the sturdiness and easy handling of their sofabeds. Unlike other sleeping-seating compromises, their *sofabeds are designed for use every night.* Most are extremely easy to convert and several have integral duvets. Rocky (from £763), for example, converts *instantly by means of a mechanism* exclusive to Ligne Roset.

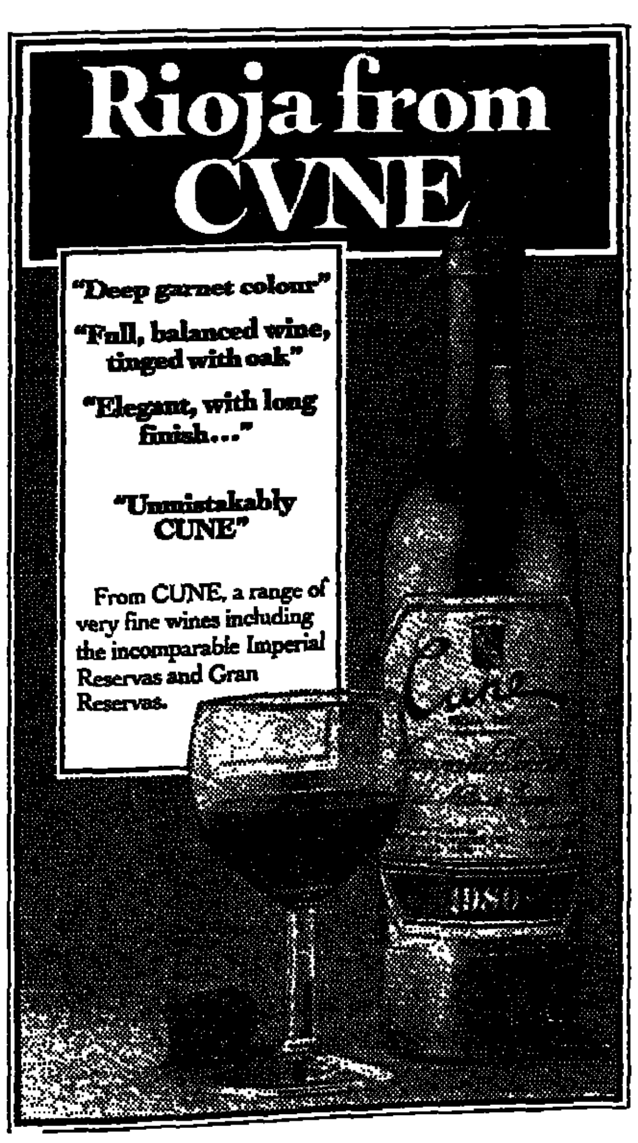
But not all Ligne Roset sofas are sofabeds. The Marsala range – two-seater sofa (from £742), three-seater (from £1,041), chair (from £306) and footstool (£176) – looks particularly stunning in white patchwork leather and features one-piece seat/back units made from Thermoform shells. Sloop (from £573) is perfectly adorable in baby pink alcantara, a *fabric which feels like suede* but is washable, stain-resistant and doesn't go shiny. Archibald (from £757) has black moulded feet raising the sofa *off the ground* and the back can be adjusted into four different positions.

Of the designs launched at last autumn's Milan Furniture Fair, one of *the most popular is the Zen chair* (from £415) with footstool (£219) whose appeal lies in its finely-proportioned balance of curves and straight lines. In May, a new cabinet system, Quartz, will be introduced plus a new sofabed, Multy.

Acrylic side tables, furniture for teenagers, bar stools and classic dining furniture are among other products on sale at Ligne Roset and there's a small range of modern lighting, including Italian wall-mounted uplighters and freestanding six-foot fluorescent tubes.

Ligne Roset, 130 Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1V 7DN (01-434 2071).

Nicole Swengley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Brought to heal

Religious faith is as much a mystery to the atheist as atheism is to the faithful. Miracles, on the other hand, are comprehensible to a wider constituency; and if miracles can happen to heartbreak toddlers and middle-aged mums, then why not to the thousands of cripples who annually swamp the Norfolk village of Walsingham?

***England's Nazareth* (BBC2), a dutiful documentary on the phenomenon, could well have done with a genuine miracle on camera. The only case of divine intercession it**

TELEVISION

offered — a schoolgirl whose brain damage was cured when both she in her coma and a proxy at Walsingham were anointed with holy water — was left dangling, without further inquiry.

We saw her paying her annual respects to the Protestant shrine, and heard her father's understandably credulous account of her remission, but we did not hear her own version.

In its broader portrait of the town, the programme's unwillingness to offend got the better of its sense of humour. Six thousand Catholic mothers descended on a sometime cowshed to sample tap water trucked in by bowser; at the site of the original holy well, the adherents of a heresy founded on the rejection of Mariolatry supplicated Our Lady; in the street, a picket of ranting fundamentalists cacophonously abused an Anglican procession for its Romish practices.

What those locals not directly concerned in the graven-images industry make of this seasonal ferment went unrecorded; perhaps they enjoy a rate reduction.

Martin Cropper

Why Waugh still makes us laugh

Tonight the first episode of a three-part television documentary on the life of Evelyn Waugh will be screened, to be followed next week by an adaptation of *Scoop*, his classic comedy of journalism. Mark Amory assesses the continuing appeal of the writer he once described as being 'one of the five best novelists in the English language this century'

Evelyn Waugh died on Easter Sunday, 1966. The manner of his death can be seen as dignified and fortunate — in that he had heard Mass in the old rite from an old friend, Father Caraman — or as vulgar farce — in that he had a heart attack when on the lavatory. It would be neat to say that the two main strands in his writing — religion and humour — were thus aptly combined in his end, but not quite true. Apthorpe's memorable misadventure with his "Thunderbox" in the *Sword of Honour* trilogy notwithstanding, Waugh was rarely scatological.

The obituaries were not fulsome. *The Times* granted him "exquisite wit" in *Decline and Fall* and *Vile Bodies*, but there was scarcely any further praise, merely an outline of his life and no general commendation.

His career has a faint parallel with that of Hemingway, in that, after sensational success in his late Twenties and Thirties, his work after the war was not so well liked, he adopted an unpopular *persona* and fell from fashion.

Yet, when Hemingway died, in 1961, *The Times* allowed that "no history of the literature of our times will be able to ignore his achievement or his far-reaching influence" — which might fairly have been said of Waugh.

No great redeeming work of criticism was published, but his books continued to be read, the post-war novels were forgiven for being different from the pre-war ones and by the time his letters were published in 1980 his reputation had climbed.

I had to decide how high I could pitch my claim for him in blurbs. "One of the five best novelists in the English language this century," I wrote, and thought myself greatly daring.

Gore Vidal has a comforting theory that all American writers are over-rated — the competent seen as masters, the masters as geniuses — because of the aggrandizing effect of the theses and studies which are showered upon them like confetti.

Still, there were James Joyce and Conrad; Forster was then much admired; did Henry James count . . ? Already my verdict is less open to mockery.

Since his death, none of Waugh's novels has been allowed to go out of print for long and all his books are now available. The most popular during the past 18 months have been, in order: *Brideshead Revisited, Decline and Fall, The Loved One, A Handful of Dust, Scoop* and *Vile Bodies*. Of course this popularity is increased by adaptations (all these have been turned into films, plays or television programmes) but less, perhaps, than is imagined.

Evelyn Waugh: like Hemingway, his rise to fame was followed by a brief, but abrupt, decline

First, the argument is circular: the adaptations are made partly because Waugh is already popular. Secondly, most of the adaptations are bad. As you remove his prose, you create a problem.

Christopher Isherwood, who loved California and mysticism, was not the man to write a faithful version of *The Loved One* and Tony Richardson's film, with rockets and Liberace, was faithless indeed.

An earlier version of *Scoop* did not raise a smile and rock bottom was surely reached with *Decline and Fall of a Birdwatcher*, which lived down to its title.

Shared Experience achieved a lively stage presentation of *A Handful of Dust* and Michael Hordern, though the folds and furrows on his face are too benign, made an enjoyable Gilbert Pinfold, but neither of these reached the West End or a large audience.

No, if adaptations are even part of the answer, then the only one that really counts is the television *Brideshead Revisited*; and *Brideshead* holds a curious position among Waugh's novels. Many authors suffer because they have no particular success, no book that is the obvious one to try first. Among those familiar with all his work this is true of Waugh.

If you ask them to choose their favourite, you will get a variety of answers, with *A Handful of Dust* edging ahead in my experience. With the great public, however — and, in particular, the great American public — there is no doubt. *Brideshead* is way ahead and has twice been the spearhead of a breakthrough.

This is not surprising. In 1945, Lady Pansy Lamb wrote to Waugh, "You see English Society of the Twenties as something baroque and magnificent on its last legs . . . I fled from it because it seemed prosperous, bourgeois and practical and I believe it still is . . ."

Whoever was right, a great family drama recalling a baroque and magnificent society in luscious prose but elegiac mood by a formidably sharp author who is allowing himself, for the first time, to express how glamorous and romantic he had found it all — this is close to the basic best-seller formula that producers and publishers are still pressing into action.

The oddity is that it is unlike any of Waugh's other work. If the novels are crudely divided into pre-war frivolous and post-war serious (with *A Handful of Dust* and *The Loved One* looking a little unhappy on either side), *Brideshead* is the transitional volume, leaning forwards, perhaps, but by itself.

Those who enjoy it would not necessarily fall on *Men at Arms* or *Scoop* with delighted recognition. So its success in any form is not always contagious.

It did, however, increase the fame of the novelist's name. There has been much else to publicize it: two biographies with two more promised, memoirs, letters, diaries, now television programmes, with attendant reviews and extracts in the Sunday papers where suitable.

He has become a public personality and, rather as Virginia Woolf dominates Bloomsbury not only by her considerable talent and force of character but by the sheer quantity of information about her, Waugh dominates his contemporaries.

The best books have been those made from his own words; no major critic has written about him at length. Perhaps it is simply because there is little to explain; he took trouble to make himself clear.

Is it sinister that when one of our best critics, John Bayley, does turn his attention to Waugh, in *The London Review of Books*, he finds a different reason for his popularity — the fact that he was reluctant to become a novelist, and did not immediately feel suited to it? "Readers love an amateur with no intellectual pretensions — one of themselves, in fact — who is also an expert craftsman," Bayley wrote, "and Waugh's novels are as solidly made as the best furniture."

This view is close to a further ignoble, snobbish cause of popularity — that many may be relieved to find an acknowledged piece of English Literature an easy and pleasurable read — but it does not allow for the simplest and best reason: he is very, very funny.

Nicholas Shakespeare's documentary, The Waugh Trilogy, *begins tonight on BBC2 (7.55pm), and continues tomorrow (8.45pm) and Monday (8.50pm).* Scoop *will be shown on ITV on April 26 (9pm).*

Learning by example

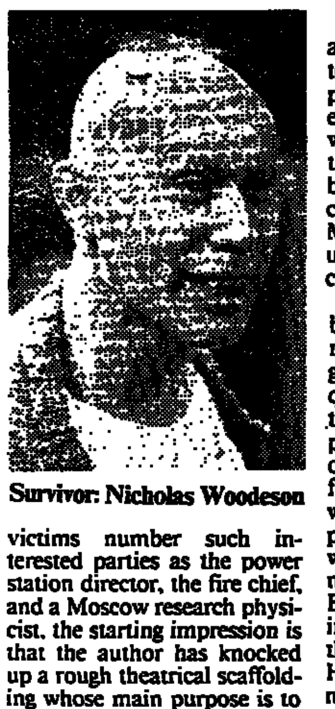
THEATRE

Sarcophagus
The Pit

Vladimir Gubaryev's impassioned study of the Chernobyl disaster was published within four months of the event and then went into production in regional theatres across the Soviet Union. Now, in a long-overdue gesture of Western openness to East European drama, it arrives on the British stage.

Although Gubaryev wrote it in an burst of powerful feeling that overflowed his journalistic commission, he is a journalist (science editor of *Pravda*), working in a country that regards the theatre as an educational medium. Parallel American or British dramas, of Three Mile Island or Sizewell, would have been very different from the unapologetically instructional character of this play.

It is set in the experimental section (otherwise, the terminal ward) of an institute for radiation safety: where, almost within seconds of the disaster announcement, victims start pouring in to fill all the available cubicles and receive what help the medical staff can give them. As the victims number such interested parties as the power station director, the fire chief, and a Moscow research physicist, the starting impression is that the author has knocked up a rough theatrical scaffolding whose main purpose is to carry documentary material that could equally have gone into a newspaper article.



Survivor: Nicholas Woodeson

What challenges this impression is the presence of the ward's other patient: a long-timer called Bessmertny who has survived 16 operations to become an expert on the science and politics of radiation, and who acts as commentator of a very special kind.

With shaved, pitted skull and grotesquely projecting teeth, Nicholas Woodeson plays him with a ferocious energy in stunning contrast with his ruined physique. At the sound of the alarm bell, he becomes the disaster incarnate, hurling himself round Michael Minas's set. Gradually, the production takes its colour from him.

The medical team (headed by Carol Gillies as an internationally renowned surgeon) go about their work with the quiet selfless dedication true to the Russian respect for its public servants. But one by one all their patients die. The first is an old peasant woman who embarks on Biblical prophesies of destruction when forbidden to return to milk her cow. Thereafter the Biblical element becomes insistent. The recruitment of three interns called Faith, Hope and Charity may sound naïve; but not when they start quitting the ward.

By degrees the grinning, sardonic Bessmertny emerges as *something* between a Holy Fool and the figure of Death; and the piece as much a doomsday reworking of *Everyman* as a documentary exposure. *Glasnost* apart, this is a work of the highest interest.

Irving Wardle

Juan of the good times

RPO/Berglund
Festival Hall

There could hardly have been a better herald to the English National Opera's forthcoming, side-by-side stagings of Mozart's and Dargomyzhsky's Don Giovanni operas than Thursday night's performance of Strauss's symphonic poem, *Don Juan*.

It was a performance of high theatre. Paavo Berglund, who has been drilling the Royal Philharmonic into their finest form this week, insisted on the sharpest, most biting rhythmic outlines for the Don's own swaggering themes.

Then came a purring string base for a splendidly ambivalent oboe solo from Leila

CONCERT

Ward; and she was not alone in seeming to recall Strauss's own instructions that those of his orchestra who were married should play as if they were engaged.

The orchestra remained on the boards for the evening's centrepiece, Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto. Boris Belkin performed with the mind and sensibility of a grand Russian choreographer — and Berglund gave him a stage broad enough to do so.

Belkin's *bow*, striding in long, full strokes, diving deep for the violin's bass voice, cross-examined all the connecting passages which are so often regarded as mere virtuosic gear-changes.

The RPO, for its part, was encouraged to take time and space to put together the constituent parts which Berglund had clearly dusted and polished so conscientiously in rehearsal.

It was a heavily stage-managed performance, to be sure. But few young violinists have the flair to dare such an unashamedly arch *pas de deux* with the flute at such *pianissimo*. Something at the heart of the work was rediscovered, and that happens all too seldom.

The final *coup de théâtre* came in saving until the end of his excellent pair of concerts what we had all been waiting for — Berglund's Sibelius. The appearance of two extra horns and an extra trumpet pointed to a fascination with the orchestra as resonating instrument, and it was this aspect of the Fifth Symphony which Berglund emphasized.

It was a performance which engaged every nerve of player and listener, from the minute, tactile phrasing of the violins' first variation in the second movement, to the rattling double-bass motifs which underpinned a finale of powerfully compressed tension.

Hilary Finch

Rumours of rehabilitation

After drug problems, romantic trauma and five years in the rock wilderness, can Fleetwood Mac find happiness with their new album, *Tango in the Night?*

In a Mayfair hotel suite a couple in early middle-age patiently recollect the poses demanded of pop stars. As the photographer clicks away, the man, a spectacularly tall figure in morning-suit trousers with maroon-and-gold slippers, strokes his straggling beard in a gesture of lordly abstraction. His blonde companion, in a chic black outfit, frets at the effects of jet-lag, but obligingly snuggles at his feet.

"Rumours, rumours! People will talk, you know," she announces in a stage whisper, with an irony inescapable to any follower of Fleetwood Mac's gossip-ridden career.

Five years of absence from the pop scene are a severe test of public loyalty — even if you have sold 40 million albums to date. This is why Fleetwood Mac, in the persons of the drummer and founder Mick Fleetwood, and Christine McVie, the singer and pianist, are currently touring Europe promoting their new album *Tango In The Night*, released on Monday.

Fleetwood had flown in from Hawaii, where Zoo, the informal bar band he leads, had been performing; and McVie from Los Angeles, to which Fleetwood Mac moved in 1974. She is now 43, Fleetwood 44, and it is 20 years since Fleetwood Mac began as pioneers of the British blues boom in the 1960s.

Their stamina and enormous popularity have long since seemed more remarkable than their actual music: a dilution, mostly of blues energy, for the American car-radio audience. Yet the soap opera of their personal lives, an *imbroglio* of internal romantic strife, addiction, litigation and cult religion, has been more remarkable still.

Their 1977 album *Rumours* — which sold 20 million copies — made songwriting capital out of the broken liaisons between Christine and her bass-player husband, John McVie, and the two Americans recruited to rejuvenate the band, guitarist Lindsey Buckingham and singer Stevie Nicks.

John Rogers

Still the best of friends: Mick Fleetwood and Christine McVie

Meanwhile, Fleetwood, supposedly the manager and peacemaker, was himself undergoing one of two divorces from the same wife. His increasingly extravagant lifestyle was curtailed in 1984 by bankruptcy: the result, he claims, of unwise property speculations, including a £1.5 million stud farm in Queensland. Others spoke darkly of drugs: in which respect a certain victim was Stevie Nicks, treated recently for cocaine and alcohol problems at the Betty Ford Clinic in America.

Minus yet another wife, but apparently his bad habits as well, Fleetwood now presents the band's most outgoing, mischievous personality, poles apart from Buckingham, their retiring producer and guiding musical spirit.

Fleetwood typically attributes their longevity to social interdependence. For four years before America, they had lived communally in a converted Hampshire parsonage. "If we had all been apart during our days of chaos, that might have been the end," he reflects. "But out of every trauma has come a deeper bonding."

"I think we're all still quite fascinated by each other," explains McVie, a kindly, sympathetic woman. "It was a little tough when me and John got divorced, but Mick would usually make us laugh. I think you have to be a little selfless, a little understanding about other people's needs."

She required all her compassion during a two-year infatuation with the Beach Boys' gifted but feckless drummer, Dennis Wilson, a womanizer and heavy drug-user who reportedly borrowed large sums of money from her. She agrees he led her a merry dance, but is unrepentant about the affair, which ended some years before his death, by drowning, in 1983.

"Yeah, he was a naughty fellow," she admits, "but there was a lot of love in the man, and I'd like to remember him that way. He showed passion in everything: it drove him to his death in the end. I used to spend hours and hours writing with him, and the man's soul just came out of his mouth. *Beautiful* melodies."

Now married again, to Eddy Quintela, a Portuguese-born musician, she describes her present life of settled, if luxurious, domesticity. "I love to by the pool and to cook," she says, smiling slightly. She has no children, and never intended any. "By the time I thought about it, I was 33, and right in the middle of touring, and I couldn't see any end to that. I have no regrets, because I'm too selfish. I like my life the way it is."

It was she who instigated the new album, albeit indirectly, by involving all but Nicks in a Blake Edwards film soundtrack she was recording. Once musically reacquainted, they set to with alacrity: which still meant the LP took 14 months to finish and cost virtually as much as the million-dollar *Tusk*, a byword for self-indulgence years after its release in 1979.

Fleetwood begs to differ: "It's our money, which we've earned from previous records. I feel it's money well-spent. Anyway, it seems we can't work any faster."

He is now writing, with assistance, his autobiography, and to that end has been consulting participants in Fleetwood Mac's six previous line-ups. It has sometimes been a chastening experience.

Peter Green, their original, much-lauded guitarist, conceived a pathological dislike of fame. "But what screwed him up more than anything," Fleetwood maintains, "is that he stopped playing; he got this big obsession that it was sort of evil."

Another, still-remembered guitarist, Jeremy Spencer, leads an itinerant life with the religious cult the Children of God, whose claim upon him he is allegedly unable to resist.

"Our history is quite complex," McVie remarks, this time without apparent irony.

Michael Watts

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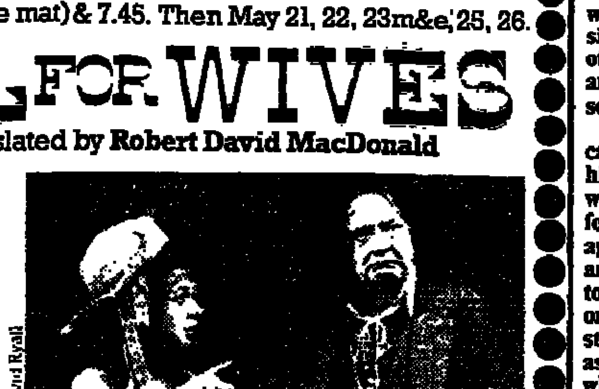

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Winter of cool content

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Benjamin: At First Light, A Mind of Winter, Ringed by the Flat Horizon. Various musicians. Nimbus NI 5075 (CD)
Bax: Symphony No 1, Christmas Eve.
LPO/Thomson. Chandos *CHAN 8480 (CD)*

Still only in his mid-20s, George Benjamin now has a second record devoted to his music, and so a large part of his output is freely available. Given that the BBC is currently making a documentary about his new piece created in the IRCAM studios, there would seem to be a danger of over-exposure. However, as Stephen Walsh remarks in his stimulating notes for the new release, even Benjamin's earliest music never sounded precocious, and his rigorous professional canniness, coupled with a rare openness of personality, should keep him from being spoiled. He is an enthusiast, and enthusiasm is its own protection from corruption.

Enthusiast: George Benjamin

All these qualities are voiced in the music, most particularly in *At First Light*, a loud and light-filled dawnscape for the London Sinfonietta core, and in the symphonic poem *Ringed by the Flat Horizon*. With their titles from Turner and Eliot, these pieces suggest a Debussy-like response to landscape through art, and it is the ensemble's winterlike accompaniment that is most impressive in the Wallace Stevens setting *A Mind of Winter*. Penelope Walmsley-Clark brings to the vocal line the cool, clear radiance of a winter sun, and the Sinfonietta plays in virtuoso fashion for the composer in both the smaller pieces, as do the BBC SO for Mark Elder in *Ringed*.

Benjamin, with his frank admission of influences, is perhaps not so distant from Bax, gathering streams from composers as distant as Bartok and Wagner into his First Symphony. The energy and honesty of the first two movements are well displayed in Bryden Thomson's new recording; the finale is probably irredeemable, as most certainly is *Christmas Eve*.

Paul Griffiths

In loving, living memory

The House — A Portrait of Chatsworth by the Duchess of Devonshire (Papermac £7.95)

"Not a palace, not a castle, not a museum but a house" — the first sentence of the Duchess of Devonshire's book about Chatsworth indicates clearly that although she has written a magnificent guidebook to the house, her main intention is to describe what it is like to live there. The Duchess is disarmingly honest and often very funny, her brisk style interspersed with dozens of photographs of the rooms, the grounds, the Cavendish family, the estate and staff.

The site of Chatsworth was not conspicuous for its beauty when Bess of Hardwick married Sir William Cavendish in 1547 and persuaded him to leave Suffolk. Nonetheless, they built an Elizabethan mansion on the spot which, by 1686, had become unstable; and the first Duke, a forceful amateur architect, pulled it down. With the help of an unknown, William Talman, he began to build the house we see today: a great square with an inner courtyard. The fourth Duke removed a hill that lay to the south of the house and invited Capability Brown to create a park.

The sixth Duke, the present *Duchess's favourite*, loved Chatsworth and devoted his life to improving it, not always entirely successfully. In 1844 he wrote a *Handbook to Chatsworth*, a delightful document written informally as a long letter to his sister. The Duchess has taken extracts from it and run them alternately with comments of her own. It is an attractive idea, slightly marred by the two sets of observations leading inevitably to some repetition.

Although the sixth Duke remained a bachelor all his life he was a superlative host. He built the orangery, sculpture gallery and theatre; and with Joseph Paxton, created the arboretum and improved the pleasure grounds and the garden. Paxton's embellishments at Chatsworth included an enormous greenhouse, the prototype, as it turned out, for his Crystal Palace. Tragically, the Duke's great conservatory proved too expensive to maintain and was demolished in 1919.

Like the great conservatory, the sheer size of Chatsworth creates problems: "everything is bigger than life-size, the indoor distances, the far-away meals, the long passages and stairs" (17 of them leading to 175 rooms).

Living there provides some unique recreations: long, sheltered walks on rainy days while "children are able to roller-skate for miles without going out of doors." There is also the satisfaction of living in a self-contained rural community, part village, part workshop and part farm. One of the author's most attractive anecdotes reflects their country background. In 1953 the Duke and Duchess went to London to attend the Coronation. Dressed in the requisite ermine and diamonds and bound for Westminster Abbey, *they were about to step* into their carriage when the liveried attendant (actually one of their own men from the Chatsworth farm) told them: "Marigold had a cow calf yesterday."

As the author says, "there would be no house to write about if it were not for the people who look after it", and because "no house has been better served by its stewards and housekeepers", three affectionate chapters covering the Twenties to the present day are devoted to the estate and domestic staff. The great house has never been lived in so continuously as now, and we may safely conclude it has probably never been more lovingly looked after. Chatsworth, 300 years old last year, is entering its prime.

Isabel Butterfield

Chris Barker

Englishwoman's home, not a castle: The Duchess of Devonshire and her beloved Chatsworth

Starry-eyed cosmic romance

PAPERBACKS

Light Years by Maggie Gee (Faber, £3.95)

Lottie Lucas lives in a whirlwind of wealth and whimsicality in "Darlington Road, Camden Town, North London, England, Great Britain, The World, The Solar System, The Galaxy, The Universe, Chaos" — an address used by her schoolboy son and by Maggie Gee to establish her novel's underlying sense of proportion. Chaos *is* at the end of Darlington Road. Lottie buys a monkey in a ridiculous birdcage. Her husband Harold walks out in disgust. It is the last straw; he won't be back — not for *light years*. The course of true love has a bumpy six million million miles to run.

Light Years is a delightfully modern romantic comedy: messages miscarry on answering machines, misunderstandings arise on telephones, and identities are mistaken in dark glasses. Lottie and Harold stumble through mazes of misconception staging the novel's leitmotiv, "The love, which moves the sun and the stars". Attention shifts from couple to couple, generation to generation, close-up shot to galactic distance.

Meteoric flashes of insight capture characters. Harold's theatrically-unfulfilled mother qualifies herself with her pretentious stage name, buzzing about "a fluorescent wasp" in a "silly mauve car".

The novel is intricately constructed caging the characters within the zodiac: each chapter, a calendar month punctuated into sections by star signs. A *funny and surprising* love story of two people seeing themselves "cosmically".

Lake Wobegon Days by Garrison Keillor (Faber, £3.95)

American radio comedian Garrison Keillor puts his hometown on the map in an engagingly self-apologetic portrait of small-town American life.

Lake Wobegon bumbled into existence with the accidental arrival of the railroad. Wobegonians live quietly, unmoved by purple mountain majesty, they like "the Grand Canyon better with Clarence and Arlene packed in front of it, smiling". It is a sleepy town of water sprinklers, prize tomatoes and Chevy pickups. Rival churches keep small-town bigotry in business. Nostalgia, admiration, embarrassment and misgivings emerge in this wonderfully irreverent account of growing up in a family where air-conditioning symbolizes ultimate decadence. Sharp reportage exaggerates the comedy to its full; the school Christmas play performed by best-behaved, shy pupils stammering through leading roles, while the rambunctious snigger at hosts of silent adoration.

Keillor has the American gift of the glib; the distinctive accent paces a racy narrative. A heck of a good read.

Sarah Edworthy

NEW PAPERBACKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting paperbacks *published this week:*

FICTION

A View of the Harbour, by Elizabeth Taylor (Virago, £3.95). Passion intrudes disruptively into respectable coastal resort

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NON-FICTION

Domesday Book Through Nine Centuries, by Elizabeth M. Hallam (Thames & Hudson, £6.95). Public Record Office official and authoritative illustrated account of our great unread and unreadable, but important, national document

The Audit of War, *by Correlli Barnett (Papermac, £7.95).* Demonstration that British performance in the last war, far from being our finest hour, when none was for a party and all were for the state, showed all the symptoms of our later British disease

The Reign of Augustus, The Roman History, by Cassius Dio, translated by Ian Scott-Kilvert, introduction by John Carter (Penguin Classics, £4.95). Scholarly but lively new version of *the life, and struggles and dramatized speeches of the cold* gangster who made himself master of the world

Respect for their elders

ROCK RECORDS

The Cult: Electric (Beggars Banquet BEGA 80)
Anthrax: Among The Living (Island ILPS 9865)

As Michael Kinsley pointed out in *The Times* last week, the current backlash against teenage permissiveness is being promulgated by a generation not best remembered for its sense of propriety and consideration towards its own parents.

This is not the only irony; for, if the current music of youthful rebellion is anything to go by, kids today display nothing less than unqualified reverence for the earlier example *of their now middle-aged* elders. Perhaps this is exactly what has got the latter so worried.

The Cult, for instance, are in thrall to the heavy rock bands of the late Sixties/early Seventies, and *Electric* is an unabashed compendium of half-remembered riffs and phrases borrowed from the catalogues of the likes of Led Zeppelin, Free, the Rolling Stones and AC/DC. They even include a threadbare version of Steppenwolf's 1968 US hit "Born To Be Wild".

The producer, Rick Rubin of Def Jam, has already shown *through his work with* Run DMC and The Beastie Boys that he is a dab hand at wringing fresh juice from the husks of ancient fruits, and even when one is aware of the group's tendency towards such louche plagiarism, the album resonates with a cantankerous joi de vivre that is difficult to resist.

Anthrax are precisely the sort of band that Tipper Gore's American "clean up rock" pressure group would like to see put out of business. *Among The Living* includes their recent British chart success "I Am The Law", which reached No 32 despite a radio and TV ban, brought about in time-honoured tradition, by an rude word contained in the chorus.

The album is an entertain*ing slab of hard-core thrash* metal that combines a Black Sabbath guitar sound with the furious pace of the speediest of early punk groups, say The Vibrators. The title track and "A Skeleton In The Closet" are inspired by Stephen King stories and their music has the sort of tasteless, full-tilt momentum associated with that author's work.

While such gung-ho antics are unlikely to find favour with the seen-it-all, done-it-all older generation of rock devotees, what a patronizing folly it is to suggest that these groups should know better.

David Sinclair

Lessons in keys of life

JAZZ RECORDS

Man Jumping World Service (Editions EG EGED 49)
Jamaaladeen Tacuma Music World (Sonet SNTF 979)
Joe Jackson Will Power (A&M AMA 3908)
John Fahey Of Rivers and Religion (Edsel ED 216)

Man Jumping, a keyboard-based septet with roots in contemporary classical music but interests that range much wider, reaffirm the belief of those who hold that "eclectic" need not necessarily be a synonym for "shallow".

World Service is all the more welcome for the three years that separate it from its predecessor, *Jump Cut*. I rate that one, their debut, with John Surman's *Withholding Pattern* and Ennio Morricone's *Once Upon a Time in America* as the finest music *hors catégorie* of the early 1980s, and the new work is even more *intoxicating*.

Sampling only the first side, the exotic fandango of "The Perils of Tourism", the romantic funk of "The Trouble Is", the joyful fake jazz (Roland Kirk meets Jimmy Smith on the set of *Blade Runner*) of "The Big Swing" and the slightly dotty machine music of "Something in the City" each exemplifies the sort of music that Weather Report promised but rarely achieved.

Music World is looking for the same culturally inquisitive audience, but fails to connect. Despite his instrumental virtuosity, guitarist Jamaaladeen Tacuma lacks a coherent vision through which to focus his work with local musicians in Tokyo, Istanbul, Paris, Philadelphia and New York.

Joe Jackson, he of "Is She Really Going Out With Him?", tries a really ambitious departure with **Will Power**: a set of instrumental pieces using the resources of both the rock group and a full orchestra. As a former student of the Royal Academy, Jackson has the technique to evoke Takemitsu (flute imitating shakuhachi over a whisper of *tympani*), *Morricone* (mission bells), Gil Evans (unison piccolo and bassoon), Eddie Sauter (percussion) and Vaughan Williams (pastoral strings). What he has yet to acquire is the confidence to identify a good idea and then sustain its development.

Lastly, the welcome reissue of the 15-year-old **Of Rivers and Religion** finds John Fahey blending his neo-primitive guitar with a small Dixieland-meets-bluegrass band on a selection of tunes evoking a very *Tom Sawyer*-ish world. Aged in the wood, you might say.

Richard Williams

THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

Bargain bloomer

Edith Chester Beatty clearly knew a good impressionist when she saw one, judging by the £22.5 million fetched by *her Van Gogh, "Sunflowers"*. I can now reveal how much she paid for it.

A reader informs me he saw the picture propped up on an armchair during a tea-party given by the Chester Beattys at Baroda House in Kensington Palace Gardens on August 6, 1934. When its new owner disclosed its value, my informant recalls: "We were all surprised that such a work should command such a high price." It was £5,000.

- **The Serpentine Gallery's search for a chairman has the intriguing prospect of a former Arts Minister bearing its future petitions for Arts Council funds. It seems an attempt by the Kensington Gardens gallery to recruit Granada Television's deputy chairman Alex Bernstein as its new leader was unsuccessful. Now I hear an even more distinguished figure is likely to take the job — Richard Luce's predecessor, Lord Gowrie.**

Bad company

Authoritative sources have been declaring the RSC is too big for its own good, it staggers from crisis to crisis, and the Barbican is horrible to work in. A frank exchange of such views is being edited for a new BBC Radio 4 series, *Pillars of Society*, starting on Thursday.

Peter Hall says economic factors have forced the company to become over-sized and "imperialistic". Casting director Joyce Nettles says she quit last year because she was fed up with back-stage crises. Actor Alan Rickman complains of headaches from working seven floors underground in the Barbican, and Terry Hands says some local councillors think his Stratford *legions are like the personnel* of a US airbase — "overpaid, oversexed and over here". Hands insists they are not overpaid.

Hall and Rickman

Late link-up

I am happy to announce the engagement of *New Statesman* editor John Lloyd and Gill Pyrah of independent radio's LBC — as co-presenters of a late-night chat show for Channel 4. Supervising trial runs is ex-*Wogan* producer Lino Ferrari. Meanwhile, Nobby Clark, doyen of theatrical photographers, has been directing Royal Ballet dancer Marguerite Porter in a short film for the British Film Institute to be shown at Cannes. The mood of the black and white piece, *Comrade Lady*, is said to be bleak.

Gavin Bell

CHESS

Prodigy who came of age

Kasparov and Karpov are playing together in the SWIFT super-tournament at Brussels, with their fourth world title encounter in just three years due in several months. My next few articles will be devoted to rounding off my series on the championship contenders who failed to make it to the very top.

So far, I have introduced Gunsberg, Tchigorin, Janowski, Bogolyubov, Keres, Bronstein and Korchnoi, all masters from the Old World. This week it is the turn of Samuel Reshevsky, one of the two representatives of the USA to take a direct shot at the title — yet miss. The other was Frank Marshall.

Although a US stalwart in his mature years, Reshevsky was born Rzeszewski on November 26, 1911, at Ozovkov near Lodz in Russian Poland. He was a child prodigy of staggering talent who gave simultaneous exhibitions in Berlin, Paris and London at the age of eight, before transferring to New York in 1920. His family immediately made the USA their home.

British Chess Magazine

Still playing: Samuel Reshevsky

Reshevsky's one chance for the championship came with Hague/Moscow match tournament of 1948 to fill Alekhine's vacant throne. It was a disappointment for him, since Botvinnik won with 14/20 ahead of Smyslov 11, Reshevsky and Keres 10½ and Euwe 4. Reshevsky's one consolation was a superb positional demolition of the new champion.

White: Botvinnik; Black: Reshevsky.

World Championship 1948, Nimzo-Indian Defence.

1 d4	Nf6	2 c4	e6
3 Nc3	Bb4	4 e3	c5
5 a3	Bxc3+	6 bxc3	Nc6
7 Bd3	0-0	8 Ne2	b6

A wasted move. White should atack at once with 10 0-0 Ba6 11 f4!

10 ...	d6	11 0-0	Na5
12 Ng3	Ba6	13 Qe2	Qd7
14 f4			

Better was 14 e5, opening the diagonal for White's Bishop on d3.

14 ...	f5	15 Rae1	g6
16 Rd1	Qf7		

16 ... Qa4 17 d5 is too risky. Black concentrates on blocking the King's side.

17 e5	Rc8	18 Rfe1	dxe5
19 dxe5	Ng7	20 Nf1	Rfd8

After most of the pieces have been exchanged, Black will automatically annex White's c4 pawn.

21 Bf2	Nh5	22 Bg3	Qe8
23 Ne3	Qa4	24 Qe2	Nxg3
25 hxg3	h5	26 Be2	Kf7
27 Kf2	Qb3	28 Qxb3	Nxb3
29 Bd3	Ke7	30 Ke2	Na5
31 Rd2	Rc7	32 g4	Rcd7

Black's position is so strong that he even ignores White's pawn sacrifice.

33 gxf5	gxf5	34 Red1	h4
35 Ke1	Nb3	36 Nd5+	exd5
37 Bxf5	Nxd2	38 Rxd2	dxc4
39 Bxd7	Rxd7	40 Rf2	Ke6
41 Rf3	Rd3	42 Ke2	

White resigned

Reshevsky made headlines as an infant prodigy and he is still creating waves at the age *of 76, winning prizes in* international events. His lifetime record is phenomenal, having beaten seven world champions: Lasker, Capablanca, Alekhine, Euwe, Botvinnik, Smyslov and Fischer.

Reports of SWIFT continue daily in the news pages of *The Times*.

Raymond Keene

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BRIDGE

Reading the cards

Communications are often as vital in the battles at the bridge table as they are in war.

Rubber Bridge. East-West game. Dealer West.

North: ♠ K J ♥ A K 9 6 ♦ 8 7 4 2 ♣ K 5 3
West: ♠ A Q 10 5 3 ♥ 2 ♦ K Q 10 ♣ Q 10 4 2
East: ♠ 9 7 6 ♥ Q 10 5 4 ♦ A 9 3 ♣ J 9 6
South: ♠ 8 4 2 ♥ J 8 7 3 ♦ J 6 5 ♣ A 8 7

W	N	E	S
1♠	Double	1NT	2♥
No	No	No	—

Opening lead ♦K

No doubt East hoped his good hearts would prove a stumbling block for declarer.

The defence started with three rounds of diamonds, and then switched to the Ace and another spade. Declarer foreseeing the danger of a 4-1 trump break, cashed the ♥A and continued with the ♥6, which East won with the ♥Q.

A club switch placed declarer in a veritable maze of dead ends. If he won in his hand to ruff a spade in dummy, he would be unable to re-enter his hand to draw the last trump. If he won in dummy, East's trumps would prevent him enjoying a club discard on dummy's established diamond.

Did you spot declarer's significant error? Yes, after the ♥A he must continue with the nine of Hearts. This would permit him to win the club switch in hand, ruff a spade with the ♥K, and return to his hand by finessing against East's ♥10.

The defenders missed a chance on the next hand.

Rubber Bridge. Love all. Dealer South.

North: ♠ Q 10 4 ♥ Q 8 7 6 ♦ J 10 5 ♣ Q 8 4
West: ♠ K 8 6 3 ♥ 9 5 2 ♦ K Q ♣ A 7 6 5
East: ♠ 9 7 2 ♥ A 10 4 ♦ 9 8 4 3 2 ♣ 10 3
South: ♠ A J 5 ♥ K J 3 ♦ A 7 6 ♣ K J 9 2

W	N	E	S
—	—	—	1♣
No	1♥	No	2NT
No	3NT	No	No
No	—	—	—

Opening lead ♠3

Declarer won the first trick with dummy's ♠Q and played a heart to the King. When declarer tried the ♣K it proved a lure that West could not resist. Assured of a certain entry to dummy, declarer was able to establish his hearts and score altogether three hearts, three clubs, two spades and a diamond.

If West withholds the ♣A, a foot-perfect defence can prevail. Suppose declarer turns back to hearts. East ducks the second round but wins the third perforce. A spade switch will then establish that suit for the defence.

Now when declarer plays a club an alert West, by taking his Ace of clubs, cashing his winning spades and switching to the ♦K, can provide declarer with a tantalizing dilemma. He can make either the two winning clubs in his hand, or he can enjoy the ♣Q and the established spade in dummy. But not both.

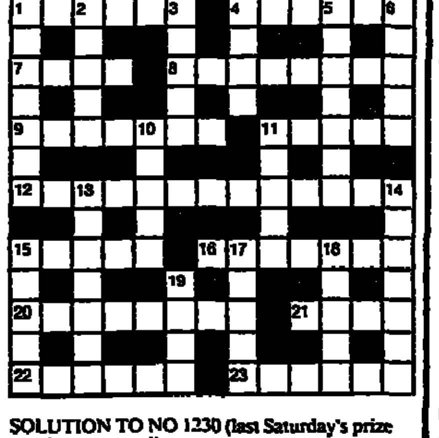
Jeremy Flint

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1235

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, April 23. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, April 25.

ACROSS
1 Pale colour (6)
4 Second Islam city (6)
7 Destroy (4)
8 Living through (8)
9 Get ready (7)
11 Petain's 1940-44 seat (5)
12 Cape Town plateau (5,8)
15 Intolerant type (5)
16 Flanders native (7)
20 Three-hulled boat (8)
21 Domed church recess (4)
22 Knitting rod (6)
23 Small village (6)

DOWN
1 Balcony wall (7)
2 Steeple (5)
3 Vanquished (5)
4 Marsh (4)
5 Kent horse emblem (7)
6 Metallic mixture (5)
10 Actor's representative (5)
11 Meeting place (5)
13 Bolero rhythm dance (7)
14 Disregard (7)
15 Conductor's stick (5)
17 Kill as mob (5)
18 Motivate (5)
19 At liberty (4)



SOLUTION TO NO 1230 (last Saturday's prize concise crossword)

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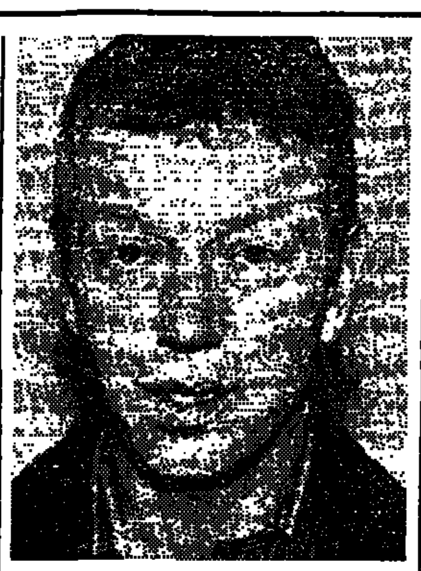
THE WEEK AHEAD

THEATRE

EYE CATCHER: Gabrielle Drake, until recently the manager of the Crossroads Motel, catches the eye of an ageing French judge (Michael Denison) in the French farce, *Court in the Act*. Lee Montague also stars in Braham Murray's production which comes to the West End after a successful run at the Royal Exchange in Manchester. The play re-opens the Phoenix Theatre in Charing Cross Road, which has been extended to include a cinema. Phoenix (01-836 2294), opens Tuesday after previews.



RADIO

PILLAR TALK: The Royal Shakespeare Company is the first subject in a new series of *Pillars of Society*, which takes a searching look at British institutions. Robert Cushman examines the tensions and pressures within the world's largest theatre company and talks to RSC luminaries including Terry Hands (above), Trevor Nunn, Peter Brook and Dame Peggy Ashcroft. Future programmes will deal with the Bank of England, Oxford University, the Freemasons and the Jockey Club. Radio 4, Thursday, 7.40-8.25pm.

BOOKS

MODERN RUSSIAN: Anton Chekhov, Russia's first great modernist writer, built up his stories and plays not by old-fashioned plots, but by impressionist blending of all sorts of trifles and bits of life. *Chekhov* (published on Thursday by Macmillan, £14.95) is a big new literary biography by Henri Troyat, France's grand old man of literature, who was born in Moscow. Author of a famous biography of Tolstoy, Troyat has the knack of bringing to his subjects the vividness and drama they brought to their own works.

COUNTRY MUSIC

COUNTRY LIFE: Emmylou Harris is one of the star attractions at the Silk Cut country music festival with Boxcar Willie and Jerry Lee Lewis. Others include Tanya Tucker, Patty Loveless and Riders In The Sky (tonight); Bobby Bare, Little Jimmy Dickens and Connie Smith (tomorrow); Bellamy Brothers and George Hamilton IV (Monday). British bands are in the centre 10am–4pm; main shows in the arena commence 4.30pm. Wembley Arena/Conference Centre, (01-902 1234), today until Monday.

FILMS

INTO BATTLE: Charlie Sheen, Martin's son, wades into Vietnam as a greenhorn American volunteer in *Platoon* (PG), the intense anti-war drama that scooped up four Oscars, including Best Picture and Best Director. Willem Defoe and Tom Berenger play sergeants at loggerheads over the merits of brain and brawn; the latter quality wins. *Platoon* was written and directed by Oliver Stone, a Vietnam veteran who had to fight his own battles to get the film made. Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111), from Friday.

CONCERTS

DIVINE DEBUT: Sir Charles Mackerras conducts the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in the world premiere of Geoffrey Burgon's *Title Divine* with Heather Harper (soprano). This is a setting of six Emily Dickinson poems by the man who wrote the music for *Brideshead Revisited* and was comissioned by the Royal Philharmonic Society for its 175th anniversary. Haydn's Symphony No 103 "Drum Roll" and Stravinsky's *Petroushka* complete the programme. Royal Festival Hall (01-928 3191), Wednesday, 7.30pm.

THEATRE

OPENINGS

CANARIES SOMETIMES SING: Direct from Guildford's Yvonne Arnaud, a new production of Frederick Lonsdale's Thirties comedy, with Peter Bowles, Sylvia Syms, Liz Robertson and Neil Stacy, directed by Patrick Garland.
Albery (01-836 3878). Previews from Thurs. Opens Apr 27.

LADY DAY: Transfer of Stephen Stahl's play with songs, catching Billie Holiday on tour in Europe in the Fifties, with Dee Dee Bridgewater as the troubled singer.
Piccadilly (01-437 4506). Opens Tues.

HAMLET: "Hi-tech" production, set in a futuristic Elsinore, to be joined in repertory by *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* by the same resident company. Simon Kunz plays Hamlet, Chris Fisher and Mark Freeland direct.
Latchmere, 503 Battersea Park Road, London SW11 (01-228 2620). Previews of *Hamlet* from Tues. Press night Apr 27. Previews of *Rosencrantz* from May 12.

FATHER'S DAY: British premiere of Oliver Hailey play, set in Seventies New York, where three divorced women friends discover they are not quite free of their ex-husbands. Finborough Theatre Club, Finborough Arms, Finborough Road, London SW10 (01-373 3842). Opens Wed.

SELECTED

HEAVEN BENT, HELL BOUND: Actors Touring Company production of a classic Spanish drama about reluctant hermits, keen cut-throats and the Devil (a woman). Excellently done. Bridge Lane Theatre, London SW11 (01-228 8828).

OWNERS: Revival of Caryl Churchill's first play. Gripping dialogue.
Young Vic (01-928 6363).

SEESAW: Helen Shapiro and Nicholas Bennett in a popular musical expanded from the play *Two for the Seesaw*.
Royal Theatre, Northampton (0604 32533/24811).

OUT OF TOWN

BRIGHTON: Stepping Out: Touring production of the Richard Harris comedy, set in a tap-dancing class, which continues at the Duke of York's in London.
Theatre Royal (0273 28488). Opens Mon. Until Apr 25.

CAMBRIDGE: Mixed Feelings: New comedy by Donald Churchill, starring Ruth Madoc and Brian Murphy in a story of misunderstanding and mistaken identity.
Arts (0223 316421). Opens Mon. Until Apr 25.

EDINBURGH: The Glass Menagerie: Ian Wooldridge directs Stuart McQuarrie, Andrew Price, Emma Dingwall, Anne Scott-Jones in the Tennessee Williams drama.
Royal Lyceum (031 229 9697). Free preview Thurs. Opens Fri.

LIVERPOOL: The Ruling Class: Peter Barnes's savagely satirical play in a comparatively rare revival.
Playhouse (051 709 8363). Previews Fri, Apr 25. Opens Apr 27.

OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Elijah Moshinsky's visually-striking production of Verdi's *Otello* has returned, this time without Domingo, but with Soviet tenor Vladimir Atlantov making his house debut in the title role. Iago and Desdemona come into their own: Rosalind Plowright and Sherrill Milnes sing their own roles for the first time at Covent Garden. Performances on Easter Mon and Fri at 7.30pm.
Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: This is the week of *The Stone Guest* (see story opposite. On Wed and Sat April 25, further performances of Verdi's *Simon Boccanegra* with Jonathan Summers in the title role.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161).

KENT OPERA: The company arrives at Plymouth with its spring repertoire: on Easter Mon and Fri its new designer *Magic Flute*, lucidly directed and well sung; on Tues and April 25 its traditional *Carmen*; and on Thurs its enterprising baroque double-bill of Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas* and Rameau's *Pygmalion*. All performances start at 7.15pm.
Theatre Royal, Plymouth (0752 669595).

OPERA NORTH: Tonight and Tues at 7.15pm, further performances of the company's excellent La traviata produced by the Geneva team of Rochaix/Maret/Roy, and now with American soprano Sheri Greenawald as the Violetta.
Grand Theatre, New Briggate, Leeds (0532 459351).

NEW SADLER'S WELLS OPERA: Continues its nationwide tour of *Ruddigore* with Ian Judge's witty and handsome production of the G & S mock-melodrama. Tues until Sat at 7.30pm with a 2.30pm matinee on April 25.
Palace Theatre, Manchester (061 236 9922).

ROCK

DURAN DURAN: Back on the road for the first time since 1984, during which time they have been reduced from five to a three-piece and been replaced as number one pin-ups by the younger and musically more interesting Scandinavians A-Ha.
Tues and Wed, RDS, Dublin; Thurs, King's Hall, Belfast (0232 668460).

BARCLAY JAMES HARVEST: Although their heavily keyboard/mellotron-based "progressive" approach remained popular, particularly among student audiences during the early 1970s, BJH never quite managed to progress further than rock's mid-second division. UK tour begins tomorrow.
Tues, Edinburgh Playhouse (031 557 2590); Wed, Sheffield City Hall (0742 22885); Fri, Birmingham Odeon (021 643 6101).

MILLIE JACKSON: The "outrageous" soul singer made little progress until 1974's *Caught Up*, a live album that yielded the acclaimed single "(If Loving You Is Wrong) I Don't Want To Be Right". Although subsequent albums have sold well, her language is so explicit as to prohibit air-play. For similar reasons her shows are usually well attended and talked about.
Hammersmith Odeon, London W6 (01-748 4081). Tonight for three nights.

FILMS

TOUGH GUYS (15): Two great stars — Burt Lancaster and Kirk Douglas — in a minnow of a film about gentlemen crooks adjusting with difficulty to life outside prison. Directed by Jeff Kanew renowned, or otherwise, for the teen comedy *Revenge of the Nerds;* with Charles Durning, Alexis Smith.
Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252), from Fri.

MARTIAL ARTS OF SHAOLIN (PG): What price plot when the leading exponents of kung fu twirl and kick through some of China's most spectacular locations, from the Great Wall to the Forbidden City? A vigorous extravaganza, with the Chinese star Jet Lee: directed by Hong Kong's Lau Kar-Leung.
Rio, Dalston (01-254 6677), from Fri.

SELECTED

CRIMES OF THE HEART (15): Three sisters wrestle with their past and present lives. Polished, star-studded edition of a darkly-humorous Pulitzer Prize play: with Sissy Spacek, Diane Keaton, Jessica Lange.
Odeon Haymarket (01-930 2738).

MY LIFE AS A DOG (PG): Easy-going comedy from the usually stern Swedes, with Anton Glazelius as the impish child growing up with rural relatives in the late 1950s; director, Lasse Hallström.
Renoir (01-837 8402).

MADE IN LONDON: The 13th season of British films selected from the National Film Archive kicks off in fine style with the atmospheric 1933 version of J. B. Priestley's *The Good Companions;* also this week, George Sanders as *The Saint in London*.
Museum of London (01-600 3699). Tues and Thurs at 6.10pm.

TELEVISION

● **Andrew Livingston plays the fierce-looking bouncer, Kenny, in John Godber's story of a northern disco, *The Ritz*. Artistic director of the Hull Truck Theatre Company, Godber first explored the subject in his play, *Bouncers*, which went to the Edinburgh Festival and for its first performance drew an audience of two. Since then Godber has written several plays notable for their vigorous contemporary flavour. BBC2, Fri, 9.30-10.20pm.**

BERT HARDY'S WORLD: Profile of the celebrated photo-journalist, whose work graced the pages of *Picture Post* and concentrated on capturing the life of ordinary communities.
Channel 4, Mon, 8.30-9.40pm.

BEST OF BRITISH: A 10-part celebration of half a century of films from the Rank Organization, with lots of clips and narration by Sir John Mills.
BBC1, Wed, 7.35-8pm.

STREET GIRLS: Report on how girls as young as 13 and 14 are lured into prostitution on the streets of Birmingham. Narrated by Linda Davidson, who plays the fictional version in *EastEnders*.
BBC2, Thurs, 9.25-10.05pm.

CONCERTS

JARRE MUSIC: The French composer Maurice Jarre conducts a 100-strong Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in a programme of his film music, parts of which will be synchronized with film clips. Jarre won Oscars with his scores for *Dr Zhivago* and *Lawrence of Arabia*.
Festival Hall (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). Tonight, 7.30pm.

ALL BEETHOVEN: Lionel Friend conducts the RPO in Beethoven's *Egmont* Overture, Symphony No 5 and Piano Concerto No 5 "Emperor", in which the soloist is Michael O'Rourke.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

RUSSIAN EVENING: Gerald Schwarz conducts the LSO in Rimsky-Korsakov's Russian Easter Festival Overture, Borodin's Polovtsian Dances, Prokofiev's *Lieutenant Kijé* Suite and Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto with Augustin Dumay as soloist.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

ST JOHN AT ST JOHN'S: Conducted by Paul McCreesh, the Gabrieli Consort, Players and many soloists perform Bach's *St John Passion*.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

ALL TCHAIKOVSKY: The LSO under Peter Robinson with Tchaikovsky's *1812* Overture, excerpts from *Swan Lake*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *The Nutcracker* and Piano Concerto No 1 (John Bingham, soloist).
Festival Hall. Mon, 7.30pm.

THE THREE Rs: Reger's Mozart Variations, Respighi's *Pini di Roma* and Rachmaninov's Paganini Rhapsody (Olli Mustonen, piano), played by the LPO under Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos.
Festival Hall. Tues, 7.30pm.

EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT: As a contribution to the European Year of the Environment, James Judd conducts the European Community Youth Orchestra in Stravinsky's *Sacre du Printemps* and Sir Yehudi Menuhin solos in Beethoven's Violin Concerto.
Barbican Centre. Tues, 7.45pm.

GALLERIES

OPENINGS

PEACOCK PRINTMAKERS: Recent workers produced by a local printmaking workshop with an international reputation.
Aberdeen Art Gallery, Schoolhill, Aberdeen (0224 646333). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until May 9. From today.

This is Paula Rego's contribution to the exhibition called, aptly, "On a Plate". The proceeds raised will go to the famine relief charity, Art Aid. Paula Rego is among 100 artists — the others include Ken Kiff, Stephen Bickley and Ileen Cooper — who have each painted a plate for which visitors to the exhibition can make sealed bids. Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, London W2 (01-402 6075). Daily, 10am-6pm, until May 10. Admission free.

SUZANNE O'DRISCOLL: Work by a young painter whose recent visits to Latin America have charged her pictures with decorative motifs and symbols. This show is part of a five-day festival of events taking place in London's Portobello area.
Anderson O'Day, 255 Portobello Road, London W11 (01-221 7592). Tues-Sat, 10am-5.30pm, free, until April 26. From Wed.

NEIL MACPHERSON: The first London show for a graduate painter from Glasgow School of Art, which in recent years has been a guarantee of quality.
Boundary Gallery, 98 Boundary Road, London NW8 (01-624 1126). Tues-Sat 11am-6pm, free, until May 23. From Thurs.

DAVID ROBERTS: Lithographs of the Holy Land by a Victorian painter whose colourful Middle Eastern subjects were much in demand.
The Oriental Museum, University of Durham, Elvet Hill, Durham (0385 66711). Mon-Sat 9.30am-1pm and 2-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, 50p, until July 31. From Thurs.

SELECTED

RAOUL DUFY: Typical paintings, watercolours and drawings by the hedonistic French artist.
JPL Fine Arts, 26 Davies Street, London W1 (01-493 2630). Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, free, until May 8.

THE SCHOOL OF BOLOGNA 1570-1730: The presence of Guido Reni, Domenichino and the Caracci indicate the quality and depth of painting in this lesser-known Italian school.
Harari & Johns, 12 Duke Street, London SW1 (01-839 7671). Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, free, until May 15.

THE ART OF WATERCOLOUR: 500 years of a medium from Dürer to Paul Nash in which Cotman, Girtin and Turner inevitably feature large.
Castle Museum, Norwich (0603 61127). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until May 17.

John Manning Zoë Dominic

Side by side: The two Don Juans, Graham Clark (left) from *The Stone Guest*, and William Shimell in the Mozart version

Double dose of the Dons

Placing a near-nonentity of an opera, by a composer whose name no one can spell, side by side with a major masterpiece, and then actually encouraging comparison between the two — this is the sort of audacious risk-taking of which even Don Giovanni himself could be proud.

It's the sort of behaviour which one is coming to expect from English National Opera: their revival of Jonathan Miller's *Don Giovanni* opened this week and from Thursday, for a month, it will run alongside the British stage premiere of Dargomyzhsky's *The Stone Guest*.

The sets for Keith Warner's new production will be based on those by Philip Prowse for Miller's *Don Giovanni* so, for those familiar with ENO's Mozart, there'll be no escaping comparison. From a purely musical point of view, such comparison will inevitably be little short of odious. Dargomyzhsky, writing in the early 19th century, had travelled around Europe, seeing what Italian and French opera could offer, and would have none of it.

"If you come looking for musical goodies," says Paul Daniel, conductor of *The Stone Guest*, "you'll be disappointed. It's like going to see *King Lear* and expecting a ballet."

All Dargomyzhsky wanted to do — and the prospect overawed him so much that he kept putting it off — was to provide plain, sturdy musical foundations for the austere Pushkin text he so admired. "I want the note to express the word directly," he wrote. "I want truth."

Tchaikovsky sneered and said such a search was barking up quite the wrong tree in an art form "based on pseudo". But Pushkin's raw distillation of the Don Juan legend has certainly found a match in the direct, precisely detailed writing of Dargomyzhsky's setting.

Of all Pushkin's *Little Tragedies*, *Don Juan* was the most obviously autobiographical. Pushkin himself is said to have kept a Giovanni-like catalogue of female conquests: "Long live tarts!" he exclaimed at the age of 33, hopelessly addicted to gambling, duels and women.

So the Don Juan of *The Stone Guest* is a man who, killing Donna Anna's husband rather than her father, then invites the statue of that husband to stand watch outside as he seduces her. He is a man who kills Laura's Don Carlos, and makes love to her even as the corpse festers in the bedroom. A taste for the perverse, for the sado-masochistic, scanty characterization of any of the women, and a deliberate flying in the face of any of the ambiguities or metaphors which Da Ponte provided for Mozart: this is the stuff of which *The Stone Guest* is made.

But Dargomyzhsky couldn't resist a nudge or two. Listen to Laura's aria — the one Don Juan himself wrote for her, with its canzonetta-like harp accompaniment; and watch out for the echoes of Mozart's overture at the beginning of the third scene when Don Juan comments on how grand the statue looks. And, while comparison is in the air, someone should point out to ENO that Dargomyzhsky's most popular opera in Eastern Europe is still *Rusalka* . . .

Hilary Finch

Jonathan Miller's production of Mozart's *Don Giovanni* plays tonight at 7pm, April 24, 30, May 7, 13, 16, 19 and 23. Keith Werner's production of Dargomyzhsky's *The Stone Guest* opens on Thurs at 8pm with further performances on April 28, May 9, 14 and 21.

FILMS ON TV

EASTER PARADE (1949): Fred Astaire and Judy Garland singing and dancing their way through the perfect Easter musical.
Channel 4, tomorrow, 3-4.55pm.

● **Burt Lancaster as the patriarchal landowner in Bernardo Bertolucci's *1900*, a powerful epic of modern Italian history which is having its British television premiere. The international cast also includes Robert De Niro, Dominique Sanda and Sterling Hayden. Made in 1976, the film is being shown over two evenings (Thursday, 11.45pm-2.40am, and Friday, 11.35pm-2.20am) and it launches Channel 4's new late night service.**

A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS (1966): Paul Scofield making a rare cinema appearance as the doomed Sir Thomas More in Fred Zinnemann's polished version of the play by Robert Bolt.
Channel 4, tomorrow, 10.10pm-12.25am.

STRANGERS ON A TRAIN (1951): Magnificent Hitchcock thriller with tennis star (Farley Granger) and psychopath (Robert Walker) agreeing to swap murders.
BBC2, tomorrow, 11.45pm-1.30am.

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE (1963): Second, and best, of the James Bond cycle with 007 Sean Connery doing his bit for the Cold War.
ITV, Mon, 8-10pm.

DOMICILE CONJUGALE (1970): Jean-Pierre Leáud as Francois Truffaut's Antoine Doinel in a comedy of marriage and adultery.
Channel 4, Wed, 10-11.50pm.

RADIO

THE PRICE OF PERFECTION: Profile of 79-year-old Herbert von Karajan, probably the most powerful figure in contemporary music. Presented by David Wheeler, with comments from James Galway, Elisabeth Schwarzkopf and the Maestro himself. The programme is followed by a Karajan performance of Bruckner's 8th Symphony.
Radio 3, tomorrow, 5.30-6.30pm.

FLYING THE FLAG: New comedy series by Alex Shearer with Dinsdale Landen as the bored British ambassador to a Communist people's republic.
Radio 4, Mon, 12.27-12.55pm.

THE WIDE-BRIMMED HAT: Edward Petherbridge (TV's Lord Peter Wimsey) stars with Eleanor Bron in Michael Wall's play about the romance between an artist and an Italian princess in 19th-century Venice.
Radio 4, Mon, 8.15-9.45pm.

WAITING FOR MRS FORBES: Portrait by Ray Gosling of the Rev Kenneth Forrester, who is battling to preserve true-blue Anglicanism at the foot of the Pyrenees.
Radio 4, Tues, 8.30-9.15pm.

JAZZ

STEPHANE GRAPPELLI: Lyric poet of the jazz violin.
Tonight, Lewisham Theatre, Catford, London SE6 (01-690 3431).

ADELAIDE HALL: Accompanied by Alan Clare's quartet, the woman who sang on Duke Ellington's original version of "Creole Love Call" continues to delight.
Tonight, Pizza Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8722).

TRIBUTE TO BENNY GOODMAN: Performed by a sextet including Henry Fairweather (trumpet) and Tony Crombie (drums).
Mon, Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191).

ART BLAKEY: Expect an audience of *Face* readers at this dancehall booking for the great drum veteran and his latest Jazz Messengers.
Tues, Electric Ballroom, Camden High Street, London NW1 (01-385 5313).

PAT SMYTHE TRUST: The quintets of Ronnie Scott and Stan Tracey and the brilliant saxophone quartet Itchy Fingers perform in support of the award to the year's most promising young British jazz musician.
Wed, 100 Club, 100 Oxford Street, London W1 (01-636 0933).

DANCE

LONDON FESTIVAL BALLET: Roland Petit's dance drama *Carmen* is given Tues-Thurs with the London premiere of Kevin Haigen's *Nocturne* to Dvorák music, and Alvin Ailey's Duke Ellington ballet *Night Creature*. Fri brings the premiere of Christopher Bruce's John Linnon ballet, *The Dream is Over*, with a new work by black American choreographer Ulysses Dove and London premiere of Michael Clark's *Drop Your Pearls and Hog it Girls*.
Sadler's Wells (01-278 8916) until April 25.

SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET: *The Sleeping Beauty* stars Sandra Madgwic and Michael O'Hare this afternoon, Merrill Ashley and Roland Price tonight, and Marion Tait and Lindsay Fischer (a guest from the Dutch National Ballet) on Tues. Then a mixed bill of the classic show-piece *Paquita*, danced by Ashley and Petter Jacobsson, Kenneth MacMillan's wistful *Solitaire* with Tait, and Ninette de Valois's *Checkmate* with June Highwood and Price (Wed) or Jacqueline Williams and David Yow and (Thurs).
Covent Garden, (01-240 1066).

LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE: Two programmes of recent works by Siobhan Davies and Robert Cohan, plus Daniel Ezralow (Wed, Thurs) or Christopher Bannerman (Fri, April 25).
New Theatre Hull (0482 20463).

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

INTERNATIONAL ORGAN FESTIVAL: Personal and phone booking opens today for programme of organ recitals, demonstrations and competitions. July 3-11.
Box Office, Chapter House, St Albans Cathedral (0727 42276).

MAY AT THE BARBICAN: Programme includes Frankfurt Radio Symphony Orchestra as part of Festival of German Arts, and Spanish Fiesta with National Symphony Orchestra presenting Danza Espanola in full costume.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891).

PLACIDO DOMINGO: Special charity gala with English Chamber Orchestra. Wembley Arena, June 21.
Box Office, Wembley, Middlesex (cc 01-902 1234).

GENESIS: Booking for concerts, with special guest Paul Young. Wembley Stadium in July.
Wembley Arena Box Office, Wembley, Middlesex (01-902 1234, cc 01-748 1414).

LAST CHANCE

ILYA GLAZUNOV: First showing by controversial contemporary artist. Ends Monday.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141).

DAVID HOCKNEY: New work combining drawing and printmaking skills. Ends tomorrow.
National Museum of Photography, Princes View, Bradford (0274 727488).

Theatre: Tony Patrick and Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Radio, Television and Films on TV:** Peter Waymark; **Rock:** Paul Henderson; **Jazz:** Richard Williams; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse

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Monday 20 Apr 7.30 pm	TCHAIKOVSKY CONCERT London Symphony Orchestra Peter Robinson (cond) John Bingham (pno) Waltz, Sleeping Beauty. Suite, Swan Lake: Piano Concerto No 1. Suite, The Nutcracker; Ovt, 1812 *(with cannon & mortar)* £4, £5, £5.50, £8, £9.50, £10.50, £11.50 Victor Hochhauser
Tuesday 21 Apr 7.30 pm	LONDON PHILHARMONIC Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos (conductor) Olli Mustonen (piano) Reger Mozart Variations and Fugue. Rachmaninov Rhapsody on a theme of Paganini; Respighi Pini di Roma £2, £3.90, £4.90, £8.80, £14 LPO Ltd
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Friday 24 Apr 7.45 pm	LONDON PHILHARMONIC Richard Armstrong (cond) Peter Katin (pno) NatWest Bank Classics for Pleasure Series Rossini Overture, Semiramide; Grieg Piano Concerto, Kodály Hary Janos; Strauss Till Eulenspiegel All seats £4.75 (choir £2) LPO Ltd
Sunday 26/ Wednesday 29 Apr 7.30 pm	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA A tribute to Eugen Jochum Roger Norrington (cond) Annie Fischer (pno) Beethoven Overture, Egmont; Piano Concerto No. 4, Symphony No. 3 (Eroica) Please note change of conductor £5, £6, £7.50, £9, £10, £12, £13, £15 Philharmonia Ltd.
Monday 27 Apr 7.30 pm	ILEA GALA CONCERT Jane Glover (cond) the London Brass Consort, Schools Symphony Orchestra, Schools Steel Orchestra, Carl Campbell Dance Co. 7/Kabbala Afro-Caribbean Music Group, London Youth Symphonic Band, All Rondalya Philipino Utr. All Seats £3 Students/OAP's/UB40 £1.50 ILEA
Tuesday 28 Apr 7.30 pm	LONDON PHILHARMONIC Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos (conductor) Daniel Alexeev (piano) Martucci Novelletta Op 82; Notturno Op 70 No. 1; Giga Op 61; Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No. 2; Respighi Feste Romane. £2, £3.90, £4.90, £8.80, £14 LPO Ltd
Thursday 30 Apr 7.30 pm	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Andrew Litton (conductor) Jon Kimura Parker (piano) Mozart Overture, The Marriage of Figaro; Schumann Piano Concerto, Mahler Symphony No. 1 (Titan) £3.50, £5, £7, £9, £11.50, £14 RPO Ltd
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Thursday 23 Apr 7.45 pm	ANNIE FISCHER (piano) Mozart Sonata in A minor K. 310, Schumann Sonata No 1 in F sharp minor Op. 11. Schubert Sonata in B flat D.960. Please note change of programme. £2 £3 £4 £5 £6 Harrison/Parrott Ltd
Friday 24 Apr 7.45 pm	THE DAWN OF ROMANTICISM (c. 1800-1850) English Chamber Orchestra. Sir Charles Groves (cond) Emma Johnson (clar), Isobel Buchanan (sop). Prog incl Weber Clarinet Concertino in E flat; Berlioz Huit Scenes de Faust; Nos. 6 & 7. Schubert Symphony No 9 (Great) £2, £4.50, £6 (only) ECO & Music Society Ltd.
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Tuesday 28 Apr 1.10 pm	LUNCH AT THE RED HEDGEHOG Allegri String Quartet Patrick Ireland (vla) Michael Evans (cel) Brahms Sextet in G Op.36, Strauss Introduction to Capriccio £2.50 unreserved Inclusive lunchtime package (Westphalian ham, potato salad, Hungarian wine) £5.25 Students/OAP's/UB40 £1.50. Info 01-928 3002 SBB
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Friday 1 May 7.45 pm	LONDON FELLOWSHIP CHOIR Guildhall Chorus & Chamber Orchestra Scott Stroman (cond) Janice Watson (sop) Caroline Stormer (mezzo-sop) Graeme Stewart (ten) David Mattinson (bas) Stroman Hosanna (1st perf), Stravinsky Symphony of Psalms, Mozart Requiem. £3, £4, £5, £6 The Fellowship Choir

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Friday 24 Apr 7.30 pm	JOANNA TRZECIAK (piano) F. Lessel Variations No 1 Op. 15, Szymanowski Sonata No 1 in C minor Op 8, Chopin Barcarolle, Three Impromptus, Fantasie-Impromptu in C sharp minor Op.66, Scherzo in B flat minor Op 31. £2, £3, £4 Jennie Blythe Artists Management

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Sunday 26 April 11.30 p.m.	LONDON OBOE BAND. Sunday Morning Coffee Concert. Handel: Concerto Grosso in F Op 3 No. 4a; Georg Muffat: Concerto No 5 in G. Montéclair: Cinquième Concert - 'La Guerre'. Maurice Bale: Baroque Tiger Rag £3 inc free prog & coffee/sherry or squash after perf
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SPORTS DIARY

Simon Barnes

Lapping it up

And now, for those who find running on the spot a little tedious, here is a chance to try swimming on the spot. Yes, for only $20,000 you too can swim the Channel in the privacy of your own home. All you have to do is buy a device called a SwimEx Pool, a kind of large bathtub in which an enclosed paddle-wheel drives water towards you. It is a kind of wet treadmill. You can adjust the speed of the water flow from one to four mph. The pool is 12 feet long, 6½ wide and four deep. Enthusiasts suggest that it is actually better than real swimming in a pool because "you don't have to break your rhythm to turn every 25 yards". In other words, it is just like real swimming but even more boring. Thank goodness you can get a waterproof portable stereo these days.

Offputting

Greg Norman has been driving advertising men up the wall. When filming a commercial for a car-hire firm recently, he was required by the script to miss a two-yard putt. Norman found the task next to impossible. It took him 10 tries. The man is — well, almost — a Master.

Ten centuries

Regular readers of this space may recall the Corinthian Casuals veterans' challenge to the world: We'll take on any team aged 500-plus, they said. These bold boys have been answered by Hamilton Academical Association Football Club (shirts: red and white hoops) who will match the Casuals with five centuries of their own at Bisham Abbey on April 26. The Accies are unavailable for comment this week: they are on their Easter tour of Denmark ("fitness test followed by visit to Ceres Brewery") but no one can doubt that the match will be a beauty.

Supergoalies

Goalkeepers are exceptional men. They wear different jumpers from the rest of their team to prove it. Being a lapsed goalkeeper myself — I was Bruce Grobbelaar, but without his quality of reliability — I am struck by the number of truly exceptional men who have played in goal. These include Vladimir Nabokov (the goalkeeper "is the lone eagle, the man of mystery"), Albert Camus ("I quickly learned that the ball never came to you where you expected it. This helped me in life"), and Pope John Paul II. If anyone can offer me other men of like stature, I would be profoundly interested. Bob Willis (the most thrilling moment of whose life was "having a seat right on the stage . . . when Bob Dylan played to a huge and ecstatic audience"), and who played in goal for Guildford City, does not count.

Home work

Steve Coppell, university graduate and manager of Crystal Palace, can write a mean programme note. In last Saturday's he said: "It has been three weeks since we were last together at Selhurst Park. We have played four matches in that period — three of them away."

Marsh bellow

Former Australian wicketkeeper Rodney Marsh — he who was once known as Iron Gloves — has told the world that he once saw two young Australian cricketers smoking cannabis. Marsh said his reaction was belligerent, and that "the young fellows never did it again while I was playing". Marsh is a great believer in restraint: you need to be fit to set records as he has done. For example, he holds the Australian cricketing record for the number of tinnies consumed between Sydney and London — 43, if my memory serves me correctly.

The good life

How much money do we spend on sport, then? Here are some statistics from the Sports Council on consumer spending for 1985: motor vehicles £9.916 m; beer £8.347 m; cigarettes £6,115 m; electricity £4.860 m; furniture and floor covering £4.639 m; sport, including gambling, £4.366 m; bread £4.051 m; gas £4,046 m; menswear £3.981 m; spirits £3.861 m; wine, cider £3,847 m; sport excluding gambling, £3.207 m; newspapers and magazines £2.273 m.

BARRY FANTONI

'If he carries on like this they'll soon be down to bows and arrows'

Flightpath to airport chaos

With passengers already caught up in jams, Harvey Elliott reports on efforts to ease a growing holiday crisis

Once again this Easter, would-be air passengers have found themselves jammed tight in overcrowded, overflowing airports. By the summer peak it will be much worse.

Gatwick alone, which has a supposed capacity limit of 16 million passengers a year, is expected to reach at least 17.5 million in the 12 months up to the end of August. There is no possibility of expanding it.

Gatwick is not alone. Airports around the world are full. Yet within the next 12 years, the number of passengers using them may double. The question being asked by airlines, airport authorities and some politicians is how this demand can be met when there are so many constraints on dealing with it.

The International Air Transport Association has called an emergency meeting of its member airlines for September in Montreal to discuss the congestion. The associations's director-general, Dr Gunter Eser, has spelled out the difficulties: "The alleviation of this problem would seem to demand very major construction, such as new runways and even new airports," he said. "But in many places such projects are not possible."

Even so, the world airport authorities are planning to spend more than £60,000 million constructing and equipping airports between now and the end of the century. This is unlikely to be enough, however, to meet the huge potential demand.

The first real indication of the problems to come emerged last November when this summer's schedules were discussed by representatives of airlines and airports from around the world at a meeting in in Singapore.

Compiling international air schedules is a vast and mind-boggling task. Every airline sets out its preferred take-off and landing "slots" at every airport it flies to. Naturally, they all want to operate at times that either fit in most closely with the perfect long-haul flight — early evening departure, dinner, film, sleep, breakfast, early-morning arrival — or that allow charter companies to operate as many as four "sectors" in one day with the same aircraft.

This is, of course, impossible. But thanks to a giant computer and some hard, but good-natured, bargaining, everyone is generally satisfied by the time the conference breaks up. Any remaining differences can then be resolved over the next few weeks in direct talks.

This was Gatwick on Thursday: what will August be like?

But last November something changed. The airport at Mahon in Minorca was the first to announce flatly that it could not take any more aircraft. Others joined in. From America to the southern Mediterranean the "full" signs suddenly went up.

As a result, dozens of summer flights — both charter and scheduled — have yet to be fixed firmly into the timetable.

In the United States the problem is said to have reached crisis proportions. Delays can now run into many hours, and most airlines have virtually given up any pretence of keeping to a timetable. One airline pilot even walked away from his jet in disgust at the endless delays and quit his job before stress took its toll.

Yet the demand is unlikely to diminish. The number of passengers will have doubled by the end of the century, even assuming a modest annual growth rate of 5 per cent. Last year, in Britain alone, there was a growth of about 9 per cent.

At the same time, the drive towards European liberalization, with airlines free to fly when they like and as often as they like, and to charge what they like, is certain to increase the number of take-offs and landings that will have to be fitted into the existing runways, and put extra pressure on the already bulging passenger areas.

This summer especially there is almost certain to be a dramatic revival in transatlantic travel, with airlines delightedly recording bookings as much as 75 per cent higher than they were last year.

But this means more people to push through terminals. Already, Sir Adam Thomson, chairman of British Caledonian, has given warning that conditions will be "grim" this summer. If he says it, believe it, for no airline executive would go out of his way to criticize the airport on which he relies.

Gatwick, like so many other airports, is in danger of bursting at the seams. The British Airports Authority claims that all the computer-generated statistics of existing and planned airport use prove that there is still room — just.

"It will be tight this summer," the deputy managing director, Vernon Murphy, conceded. "But we must pull together to make it work."

The problem is that Gatwick cannot handle more than 40 flights an hour — a limit governed mainly by air-traffic-control considerations. It is most worrying that throughout the daytime hours flights drop very little below the maximum figure. And all the indications are that this August there will be many more flights than that during peak hours.

So the slightest delay — like this week's morning fog — will cause a backlog which can only pile up as time goes on.

A new £200 million terminal — already nearly three years late — will ease the congestion in the passenger areas of the airport when it opens next year. But it will not do a jot to allow more aircraft to land there.

Vernon Murphy hopes that the future will bring more passengers in fewer, larger aircraft. If not, there is no possibility of the airport expanding to its full potential.

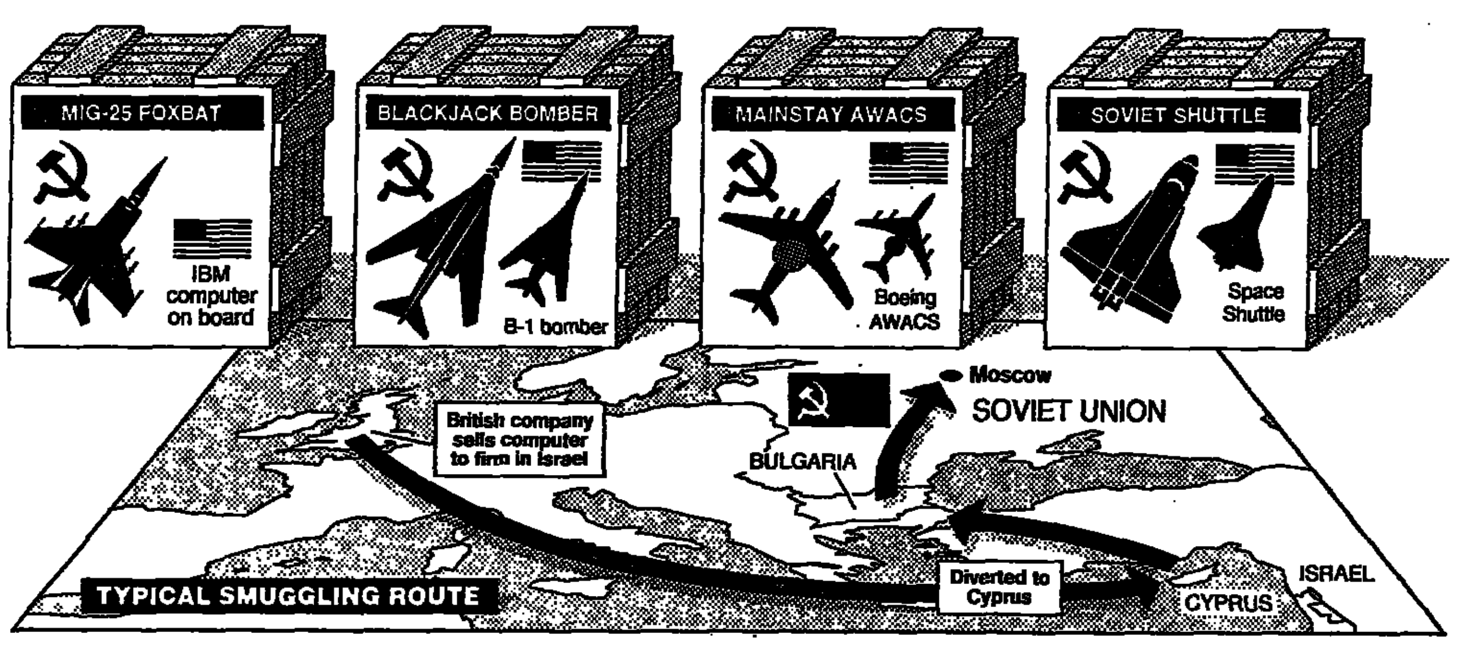
His problem is mirrored around the world as political leaders duck the issue of providing new airport space, and environmental pressure groups keep a firm clamp on expansion plans.

Britain's Aviation Minister, Michael Spicer, even raised the possibility of regarding all Europe's main airports as a single group, with those that are able to grow taking traffic from those that are constrained. But it is not the kind of argument that will go down well with most airport authorities.

And it will do nothing for the jams at airports this summer.

Fighting the hi-tech thieves

John Grimwade



Michael Evans reports on the West's battle to block the smuggling of advanced technology to the Russians

They have stolen, they have seduced, they have bought some of our most sensitive secrets, says Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, referring to the Soviet Union's pillaging of Western high technology and classified military blueprints and the devastating damage wrought by the traitor John Walker, the American navy communications specialist who spied for the Russians for nearly two decades.

But despite Weinberger's sombre words, there have been some dramatic successes in countering the Soviet plunder of Western technology. Covert operations by American customs and CIA agents, backed up by comparable action by Britain and other Nato countries, have not closed down the intricate web of smuggling routes used by the KGB and unscrupulous European "middle men". That would be impossible. But in the last two or three years they have thwarted many of the most daring Soviet operations.

The rewards for the smugglers are huge — 100 per cent over the going rate at the very minimum. The Russians will pay anything to get what they want off the Western shelf because it saves them billions of roubles in research and development.

American eyes were opened in the 1970s to the dangers of Western technology being converted by the Russians for military use. In the afternoon of September 6, 1976, Senior Lieutenant Viktor Belenko landed an advanced MiG-25 Foxbat interceptor at a civilian airfield on the Japanese island of Hokkaido. When the Americans got their hands on it, they discovered that the weapon guidance system was controlled by an IBM computer. It came as a shock.

But it was not until 1981 that President Reagan ordered a full-scale counter-attack against the Russians to try to stop vital computer equipment that had potential military application from reaching the Soviet Union. It was called Operation Exodus.

A long list of banned technology was drawn up by the Co-ordinating Committee for East-West Trade Policy (CoCom), an organization of Nato countries plus Japan, which oversees Western governments' trade with the Soviet bloc from a discreet building in a US embassy annexe on the Rue de la Boétie in Paris. A special group of undercover American customs agents, backed up by the CIA, began to investigate the complex network run by the Russians.

Although Operation Exodus was American, it was crucial that European countries played their part because the smuggling routes passed through Europe on the way to Moscow. The British government agreed to mount its own operation. Project Arrow was formed: a group of eight high-tech investigators within the customs service who were to concentrate on catching British computer businessmen conspiring to divert CoCom-banned equipment to the Soviet bloc through supposedly legitimate deals.

A number of British companies are prepared to take the risk of breaking the CoCom embargo. Recently, for example, a VAX computer built by the American Digital Equipment Corporation was seized in this country aftera British company had arranged to sell it to the Soviet bloc for £250,000 (usual price £100,000). The VAX computers are at the top of the Russians' shopping-list for their military command and control systems. According to intelligence sources, they are desperately trying to get hold of the very latest model, the VAX 11/8600. Only about 200 have been built: so far the Russians have failed in their efforts.

Their problem is that Western computers with micro-technology have become so complex and so sophisticated that it is no longer easy for them to copy what they purloin. So they have turned their attention to acquiring semi-conductor manufacturing equipment, because with microchip and silicon-wafer technology they are between five and 10 years behind the West.

Two years ago in Britain a businessman was fined for trying to sell an item of high-tech equipment to the Soviet bloc. The court was not given details of how sensitive it was. In fact it was microchip test equipment, called a Sentry 10, built by an American company, Schlumberger. There are only two in this country, both of them at Ministry of Defence research establishments.

The court was told the equipment was to test microchips in Polish televisions.

Virtually every Soviet long-term and short-term research project for military systems, over 5,000 in the early 1980s, is benefiting from the hardware and documents of at least a dozen Western countries. It is also estimated that 150 of the Soviet Union's most advanced weapons incorporate technology pirated from the West, including a copy of the Sidewinder air-to-air missile, the supersonic Blackjack bomber, and sophisticated radar and sonar buoys for locating nuclear submarines.

The prime co-ordinator for the great Western technology robbery is the Soviet Military Industrial Commission (VPK by its Russian initials). It sets tasks for Directorate T of the KGB, and also for the KGB's military arm, the GRU, and the Soviet Academy of Science and the State Committee for Science and Technology.

But because of Operation Exodus and generally tighter security in the West, the VPK has entrusted more "collection responsibilities" to its allies to try to mask its efforts.

According to British intelligence sources, Bulgaria is now the key state used for buying/stealing advanced computer equipment. Bulgaria's Central Institute for Scientific Research and Design of Factory Automation, situated in a residential part of the capital, Sofia, on Yordan Vishovgrad Street, is the "front" used by its 500 staff for masterminding the smuggling.

The smuggling pattern is now familiar both to the Operation Exodus agents and to British Customs. The desired equipment is first purchased by an unscrupulous middle-man in a Nato country who uses false licences, deceptive equipment descriptions, dummy firms and supposedly legitimate end-user certificates. So, for example, a favourite ploy for British smugglers is to get an end-user certificate for sending equipment to Israel, which is regarded as a suitable receiver of Western high-tech.

But it never reaches Israel. The goods are diverted, normally to a neutral country such as Austria, Switzerland, Sweden — or increasingly in recent years, Cyprus. Aeroflot, the Soviet airline, has a large office and facility at Larnaca and with 16 flights a week to the Soviet bloc the island has become a key transit-point. The number of "brass plate" companies, non-existent firms used as "legitimate" addresses for receiving high-tech equipment, has proliferated in the island.

A senior member of the Operation Exodus team in Washington commented that although "the other side" was getting smarter to outwit his agents — varying the smuggling trail to include countries such as Bahrain, Abu Dhabi and Indonesia — there was no doubt that the West's counter-attack was hurting the Russians. In the US, since 1981, there have been 5,000 seizures of equipment worth $430 million.

The Americans have also nailed one of the Soviet bloc's star techno-bandits, a West German, Werner Jergen Bruchhausen, who was arrested by police in Britain and convicted of smuggling in a US court last month. He will be sentenced in May.

In Britain, between 1985 and 1986 there were 25 prosecutions of high-tech smugglers and 13 people were jailed. Seven further cases are awaiting trial. One Project Arrow source said: "Of course we're having an effect, but the trouble is that technology is changing so fast that the Russians constantly want more."

Peter Brimelow

The 1787 debate warms up

New York

Americans adore public celebrations. They are currently gearing up for a big one: the 200th anniversary of their constitution, which was hammered out in a prolonged series of debates in Philadelphia between May and September 1787.

The constitution occupies a peculiar position in American politics. It has been constantly invoked, particularly in the last 30 years. Judges have used it in support of detailed administration of schools, prisons and other aspects of public life.

But it is not much studied in law schools. Indeed, the fashionable judicial philosophy is that the actual *words* of the constitution don't really matter anyway. What counts is the spirit, as interpreted by judges.

This spirit has inspired judges to by-pass recalcitrant legislatures and enact a wide range of reforms favoured by political liberals. For example, judges have even flirted with declaring the death penalty "unconstitutional", although there are several specific endorsements of it in the constitution's text.

In response to this uninhibited activism, the Reagan administration has made a systematic effort to nominate judges who believe their role is to determine and abide by the constitution's actual meaning. But Congress, now controlled by the Democrats, has to approve judicial nominations. Bitter clashes are certain over the coming months.

My contribution to the celebration has been to read *A Worthy Company: Brief Lives of the Framers of the United States Constitution* by Professor M. E. Bradford of the University of Dallas.

Admittedly, my interest was partly personal. As a professional exile, I am fascinated by the historical consequences of emigration. No one else seems to be. Typically, the mother country remains unaware of its overseas dimension and the host country never thinks to collate the facts.

Eight of the 55 delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia were born outside America. The most famous, of course, was Alexander Hamilton, later first Secretary of the Treasury and leader of the Federalist Party. He came from Nevis, in the West Indies, the son of an Ayrshire man and a French planter's daughter, and arrived in America as a student in his teens.

But Robert Morris, the financier of the Revolution and — at the time of the Constitutional Convention — probably the wealthiest man in the country, was also a teenage immigrant: born near Liverpool, where his father was a tobacco merchant. And George Washington's secretary during the War of Independence, James McHenry, was an Ulster Protestant from Ballymena who had come to America only shortly before.

Three of the others, from Ireland and England, had been brought across the Atlantic as children by their immigrant families. But James Wilson, one of the Convention's most brilliant figures, had been 24, a graduate of St Andrews University and a private tutor in his native Scotland, when in 1766 he chose to sail for the New World and a new career in law that culminated in a Supreme Court seat — and a reputation as one of the first judicial activists.

I found the case of Pierce Butler particularly intriguing. The younger son of an Anglo-Irish baronet and long-time MP, a descendant of the Dukes of Ormond, Butler was 29 and a major in the British army stationed in Canada when he married into the South Carolina plantation aristocracy.

Resigning his commission, he was instantly accepted as a leader of his adopted state. He helped to organize its defence against his former comrades-in-arms, lost his fortune in the war and later regained it, and eventually became a US senator and what Professor Bradford admiringly calls "one of the forefathers of the principal political tradition of the South". Among other things, this includes a distaste for Northerners — and an absolute loathing of activist federal judges.

Professor Bradford would argue that these British immigrants fitted so easily into their various places in the American political discourse because it was merely an extension of their own tradition.

The American colonists were merely claiming their rights as Britons, just as the British themselves had done in the Civil War and the Glorious Revolution. In an important sense, the American Revolution was really a civil war, not a revolution at all. Ask Pierce Butler, his tenants and slaves.

Above all, as many of the Framers were later to say with horror, the American Revolution had nothing in common with the egalitarian, centralizing, authoritarian French Revolution.

But the French Revolution nevertheless has adherents here, in the shape of the powerful American liberal movement. Their prolonged struggle to make the former revolution over in the image of the latter now centres on the federal courts, regardless of what the Framers said — and, especially, of what they wrote in the constitution whose anniversary is currently being hailed with more than a little hypocrisy.

Stuart Tendler

First catch your tackle dealer

The annual general meeting of the Broken Hooks Piscatorial Society was a scantily attended affair this year. Well, to be perfectly frank, you cannot get that many people into a dinghy and the Hon Treasurer has not been seen for some time. Fortunately the finances of the society are in such a parlous condition that his absence is almost a relief. We might have been asked for contributions.

As it was, the Hon Sec and myself, Hon President, were left to float gently on a grey-green lake in an early-season outing to deliberate on a brief but pithy agenda. Chief among our concerns was to appoint an official tackle dealer for the society.

For many years now, leading game anglers and scientists have dedicated themselves to extensive treatises on the habits of the trout and salmon. Every second of the trout's career, from minute fingerling to fully-grown fish, has been dissected and recorded.

These days there is not much that is not known about those fish, apart from the key question of how to catch them consistently. As far as the legitimate angler is concerned, this point — although the subject of an enormous literature — has yet to be ironed out conclusively.

Small boys turned some time ago to baits such as portions of cheese sandwich. Their fathers now use spears, chemicals and the occasional grenade.

But to date no one has yet examined the role of the tackle dealer in the life-cycle of the angler. And a very crucial role it is indeed. The tackle dealer is to the angler as the mayfly to a brown trout on a muggy day in June.

Readers of this occasional column will know that an angler can spend as much time thumbing through fishing magazine advertisements, the dusty racks of tackle shops and the catalogues of sporting auctions as he does actually fishing.

The desire for new rods, reels, the latest lines and the state of the art in artificial flies ("The Nimitz designed by England international Percy Thuddit is made with Space Age material Atomglo and goes deep where the big fish are. Percy says. . . .") induces an extraordinary addiction.

It has to be admitted that the addiction probably increases as the angler's catch rate drops. If you cannot blame the weather, a poor fish-stocking rate or the absence of natural food for the fish, what else is there? One's skill is the only unaltered factor. There will always be that special item which will improve matters.

Keen gardeners will know something of the feeling. How many times have they bought an extra two dozen daffodil bulbs or been able to ignore that little stainless steel tool specially designed for uprooting thistles? One man's Neutral Density Weight Forward Eight Floating Line is another man's hosepipe spray adaptor kit.

Given the eminence of the tackle dealer it is hardly surprising that some are even graced by royalty and given the Royal Warrant. The society had nothing so grand as a full coat of arms in mind. We thought of crossed waders over an open creel and the simple motto "Suppliers to the BHPS".

The creative debate was therefore short. The question of the lucky recipient took longer. As the boat rose and fell in a slight swell the arguments went back and forth.

Some dealers were clearly out of court. What sort of empathy would the society have with the sort of shop that calls itself Teddy's Tackle Treasury or Arthur's Bait and Rod? No one would qualify who tells a member, "Flies is off at the moment, chief. Got some coming in. Gonna put them in that box by the maggots."

There are tackle shops that have teams of anglers who march out on the banks wearing T-shirts in team colours and bearing advertisements. A frisson of horror ran through the dinghy. Such crass commercialism would be unthinkable. The probability that there is nobody in the society who could be selected to oil the reels, let alone use them in a contest, had no bearing on our thoughts.

The trouble with dealers at the other end of the spectrum is that they might be too grand for us. One should be able to relax in a tackle shop and ponder, not be intimidated by stuffed salmon or brochures about time-share fishing in Alaska.

As the light faded on a fishless day the debate remained unresolved. Perhaps, said the Hon President as we rowed home, we should try a mail-order firm.

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THE RETURN OF FAITH

Deep religious conviction offers strength in adversity, insurance against despair, the basis of a moral life and, at the end, hope of something less bleak than annihilation. Today these rewards beckon from the far side of a great philosophical chasm of unbelief. This is not an age of faith. Many of those who salute the origins of Christianity this Easter will do so with more doubts than certainties.

The case for faith is not, of course, made out just by pointing to the need for it. It is not sufficient for it to be necessary; it is necessary first that it should be true. There is everything to be admired in a deep sense of intellectual integrity which declines the offer of easy comfort because it is not convinced.

Voltaire's famous contribution to philosophical cynicism – that if God did not exist it would be necessary to invent Him – seems to have been cut down finally by Occam's Razor: it is no longer necessary to invent Him, as the world can be explained well enough without. God was, in these terms, last seen retreating to the margin of significance as "the God of the gaps", but gaps which were shrinking even as the phrase was coined.

What the triumph of science had seemed to disprove was that there was any realm of reality of which religion and only religion could speak, and which was just as real, true, and important as that held by science. When this realm was last widely accepted as a domain of truth, it was explored by theology and metaphysics. Now metaphysics is a word rarely used except for the twilight zone between credulity and delusion. Theology has become corrupted to a term of political abuse.

Tomorrow is the Christian festival of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, on the eve of which attention turns briefly to the disappointment and disillusion of his followers on the day after his execution. That time too was one of spiritual despondency.

As they contemplated the collapse of all their hopes they must surely have felt the futility and impossibility of faith. Their confidence had suffered more dramatic a defeat than ever was inflicted on religion by science and philosophical speculation in the modern age.

Then came the event called the Resurrection. Broken in faith, they were made whole again by it, almost instantaneously. They did not see it; their evidence for it was little better than ours, for we have their records. Yet it more than convinced them: it transformed them.

They were not tempted to speculate on its scientific credentials, though we may think them hard-headed enough to know a flight of fancy when they saw one. Whatever it was that caused that remarkable effect on them, it endured for the rest of their lives, and led many of them clear-sightedly to the acceptance of a cruel death.

We cannot expect to be convinced ourselves, simply because they were convinced. Nevertheless, as the Bishop of Durham maintained during the controversy surrounding his doctrinal scepticism, there is sound evidential value in their sudden experience of such faith as that. At least one distinguished Jewish scholar has, without faltering in his loyalty to Judaism, assessed this evidence as amounting almost to proof.

The faith they received so convincingly was experienced by them as a free gift, not a prize for diligent religious effort. It was not what they were expecting nor hoping for. It may be reasonable to assume, however, that what happened was at least theoretically within the scope of what they believed possible. That is where the crucial difference comes. In the modern climate of scepticism, resurrection is theoretically outside that scope.

Some minimal assumptions as to the possibility of resurrection have to be made, before an actual resurrection can be addressed as a thing that might have really happened. Here it is not science that intervenes, but a whole tradition of philosophy that is not prepared to see the label of truth awarded to anything which is not demonstrable. Resurrection cannot be proved by the rules of that system.

The principle of empirical scepticism has come down from the rarefied atmosphere of professional philosophical discourse. It has invaded modern consciousness, and is at the root of the contemporay crisis of faith. It asserts that what is not provable is not knowable. This is an epistemological crisis.

Popular philosophical fashion are always somewhat behind the movements in the highest seats of learning. It would not be surprising if the high water mark of popular scepticism occurred long after the tide of logical positivism, as it was known to professionals, had retreated in the philosophical schools. Sadly, in those elevated intellectual circles it has not yet been replaced by an idea so simple, except the simple idea that logical positivism is not true.

It could be that nuclear physicists will now reinstate the respectability of metapysics, perhaps with a scientific gloss to make the supplanting of positivism look less dramatic. Perhaps the theory of epistemology itself can take a leap forward.

Perhaps popular consciousness may revolt of its own accord, as positivist scientific scepticism is found to fail the test of common sense. But however the change comes, it is likely that the result will be some relief of the pressure on religious faith and some expansion of the scope of what honest minds may honestly accept as true.

LIBYA'S ANXIOUS ANNIVERSARY

For a time it looked as if the bombs which narrowly missed Colonel Gadaffi last year might have proved his political salvation. They divided the West and united the Third World behind him. But this reaction was short-lived.

Even by the time he emerged from hiding after the raid, support for him was looking insubstantial. Four months later, at the conference of the non-aligned nations in Zimbabwe, he looked out of step and isolated. Now, a year after the raid, two inter-related factors make his domestic position uncertain.

One of these is Libya's economic difficulties, brought on largely by the lower demand for oil. A drop of about £1,300m in income has been forecast by some Western sources for Libya this year. The abandonment of certain engineering projects, the shortage of some necessities in the shops, and warnings of belt-tightening, are signs that the squeeze is hurting.

Against this background his military defeat in Chad this year can only be judged a disaster. For many years Gadaffi has nurtured dreams of creating a Greater Islamic State by annexing neighbouring Chad. With most of his own oil wells likely to run dry by the end of the century, his designs on the resources of his neighbour have been practical rather than doctrinaire.

Libya's presence there has represented little more than crude expansionism. Colonel Gadaffi's annexation of the Aouzou strip 14 years ago, on the specious grounds that France had originally ceded it to Italy in 1936 in an effort to appease Mussolini, made a mockery of his claim to defend the interests of the peoples of the region. At the same time his call for a Jihad against President Habré also suggested that he would not stop until confronted with superior force.

The Americans, who dispatched £10m worth of military aid for Habré's troops, and the French, who trained the troops and provided logistic support and special forces, helped create this superior force to beat him. But he has only himself to blame for the heavy losses in men and equipment and the still more damaging loss of personal pride and prestige.

Few people in Libya can know very much much about all this, although those with soldier sons cannot be entirely unaware. Gadaffi himself has consistently denied that Libyan troops are in Chad; the truth has now finally caught up with him.

The peace conference and surrounding celebrations which the colonel has been holding to commemorate the anniversary of the raid, are designed to divert attention from the fighting further south. His prominence in recent months – speeches, public appearances – is meant to demonstrate that the colonel remains in charge.

A further question concerns the impact of the campaign in Chad upon the army. It is always supposed that the most potent threat to Gadaffi's revolutionary regime, could eventually come from the military. The war in Chad has been unpopular with the troops, who have questioned the reason for being there. Such discontent can be a breeding ground for insurrection.

Yet, while Gadaffi may have started the war, it is the army which has lost it. Its own prestige and its confidence in itself must have been diminished. Moreover, Gadaffi himself is said to have instigated recent changes, in which officers have been moved from post to post, presumably to decrease the risk of a conspiracy.

To forecast the demise of this unpredictable man would be premature. But his position looks shakier this April than it did a year ago.

FOURTH LEADER

There ought to be a prize for the strangest demonstration of the year; indeed, there probably is. If so, there is already an obvious outright winner for the 1987 award. The students of Dhaka have just been marching through the streets of the Bangladesh capital in defence of their right to cheat and copy in exams.

One report, indeed, claims that the marchers shouted "Give us the right to copy from text during exams and don't stop friends helping us." Unless the Bangladeshi language is extraordinarily compressed, that passage seems of doubtful authenticity. But the general drift is clear; the students want to enter the examination hall with cribs proudly displayed, and to go desk-hopping in search of an elusive date or fact.

This is a novel idea. Of course, students have cheated and copied in exams ever since exams were invented; but the practice has hitherto been generally frowned upon by the examiners and resorted to surreptitiously by the examinees.

No doubt we must move with the times; the students of Bangladesh just happen to have moved further and faster than most. Moreover, the reports seem to suggest that the students were demonstrating not so much in favour of cheating as against the authorities who are trying to stop them doing so, which suggests that the practice may be hallowed by time; perhaps we should be condemning not the marchers, but the brash, upstart pedagogues who want to introduce their airy-fairy revolutionary educational methods, such as the abolition of copying in exams, against well-merited opposition from the students, their parents and the older and less hot-headed teachers.

It is legitimate to wonder whether the system has exceptions. Does it, for instance, apply to medical students? If so, the results may be alarming; a doctor who had his papers in the final exam filled in by a friend at the next desk may be convinced that the clavicle is a musical instrument.

On the whole, it will probably be felt that in Britain, at any rate, the old rules should continue to apply. Sleeves will still be filled, and whispers exchanged, but cheating will still be frowned upon. It is true that Beachcomber's Dr Smart-Allick, headmaster of Narkover, used to sell his pupils the exam-papers in advance when he was so short of the ready that not even his pack of marked cards could raise the wind quickly enough. But that is hardly an example to be emulated. He also, incidentally, used to sell places in the cricket-team; Bangladesh student newspapers, please copy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Topics for a core curriculum

From Mr Charles Parr

Sir, While I completely agree with the necessity of introducing a national curriculum (reports, April 8, 13), the seven subjects chosen – English, maths, science, foreign language, history, geography and technology – display two remarkable omissions.

My boys went to an excellent grammar school in Oxford (since turned into a comprehensive). At no time did they receive any instruction in writing and speaking.

I am not advocating that children throughout the country should be trained to speak like BBC announcers. But they should at least speak clearly. And every child should be taught to write a decent hand, with letters properly joined.

In my own youth in London we were made to do "copperplate writing" – a laborious business, but at least we got the hang of forming and joining letters. But nothing was done as regards speech, and in later life I had to employ a Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts teacher to help me get rid of a cockney accent.

I trust it is not too late for Mr Baker to include these two basic but neglected subjects in the national curriculum.

Yours truly,
CHARLES PARR,
20 Lathbury Road, Oxford.
April 13.

From Mr Michael Hartley

Sir, I write to express my delighted support for the prospect of a standard curriculum for English schools.

Being within weeks of my seventieth birthday, a product of what today would be regarded as a privileged education, there is nothing more beneficial than this which I could envisage for my grandchildren, who will almost certainly go through the State system.

France has a uniform curriculum. Apart from the economic and social progress of the French, the thing which has impressed me most has been the articulate and correct use of their language by French men and women of all levels and occupations; a language which is, by reason of its more complicated grammar, much more difficult to master than our own.

If a uniform curriculum has played any part in the transformation which I believe has taken place in France, then I submit that we must look seriously at that possibility for the good of our own children and our country's future.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HARTLEY,
Eastville, Greet, Winchcombe,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

From Mr M. W. Curran

Sir, Why has Mr Baker omitted moral education from his centralised core curriculum? Moral education is perfectly feasible, but it will continue to be neglected by schools and to be undervalued by pupils and their parents unless it is included in the core curriculum and assessed along with the other areas.

A perfectly practicable and assessable course could be devised and taught to children. The course would be based upon knowledge relevant to common moral dilemmas at the different stages of childhood, on the development of skill in understanding the implications of behaving in particular ways, and on the development of the ability to understand another person's point of view and (although this last would perhaps not be assessable) to empathise with another person's feelings.

The course could be acceptable to all sections of our multicultural society as it would not need to be tied to any one faith or ideology.

Yours faithfully,
M. W. CURRAN,
4 Linton Road, Oxford.

From the Headmaster of Barfield

Sir,

Grammar, the ground of all teaching, now baffles girls and boys:
Not one of our new learners today takes pains enough
To write correct verses or compose a competent letter.

An extract, perhaps, from a recent ministerial speech to the NUT? Not so: an extract from *Piers Plowman*, by William Langland, c 1370: passus XV, lines 365-367 (Tiller translation).

Yours faithfully,
DAVID WARBURTON,
Headmaster, Barfield,
Runfold, Farnham, Surrey.
April 14.

Ferry disaster

From the Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Sir, In his letter, published on April 16, Councillor Mark Goyder asks, where were the British Embassy following the Zeebrugge ferry disaster.

From 11.30pm on the night of the tragedy three members of the embassy staff were at Zeebrugge helping Townsend Thoresen to collate a list of passengers. By midnight on the Friday evening the British Ambassador was with the Governor of West Flanders in the control centre at Zeebrugge.

The embassy established a local headquarters in the office of the Townsend Thoresen manager at Zeebrugge. Over the weekend every available member of the embassy staff was on duty either at Zeebrugge or in the embassy in Brussels. There were also members of the embassy at all the hospitals to which the survivors were taken.

Despite these measures, however, they could not be certain of making contact themselves with all British passengers on the ferry or their relatives once they started to arrive in Zeebrugge.

The embassy were also in close contact with the Kent police and the East Kent social services. I am surprised that Councillor Goyder appears not to be aware of this.

On the Saturday and Sunday the embassy switchboard in Brussels was open during the day. It was, not surprisingly, heavily pressed. Overnight, telephone callers were directed by a taped message to the consular duty officer. There was a short period on the Sunday morning when calls were directed to the office of the United Kingdom Permanent Representative to the European Community, where there was someone on duty to take calls.

Yours sincerely,
PATRICK WRIGHT, Permanent
Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign and Commonwealth
Office, SW1.

Benefit delayed

From the Reverend Canon D. M. Main

Sir, Today I have visited a woman in my parish who, in addition to her widow's pension, is entitled to receive supplementary benefit. Her pension book is held up by industrial action at the DHSS office in Newcastle or in Blackpool and she has been told at the local DHSS office today that the Giro payment she is due is delayed by the strike at the Livingston office.

My parishioner, like hundreds of others in this town, is apparently expected to exist without food or heat until either the Government surrenders to blackmail or the employees of the DHSS begin to feel the pinch themselves and return to work.

I believe that no justification whatsoever can be made for industrial action that hurts only those who are least able to bear it. Is it not time that the leaders of all the political parties and of the TUC condemned without qualification such selfish and irresponsible action?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID MAIN,
The Parsonage,
1 Dundonald Road,
Kilmarnock, Ayrshire.
April 14.

Dr Johnson's desk

From Dr J. D. Fleeman

Sir, Your Sale Room Correspondent's report (April 3) on the sale of Dr Johnson's desk in Oxford yesterday may be supplemented in a few details.

Lucy Porter, Johnson's stepdaughter, befriended a Lichfield clergyman, the Reverend John Batteridge Pearson, and made him her principal legatee. He erected a memorial to her memory in St Chad's, Lichfield. Almost every item of Johnsonian interest which has survived from Lucy Porter has come down through the descendants of J. B. Pearson. To vindicate the "family tradition" of Johnson's gift of this desk to Lucy Porter, the vendor ought to be able to show some connection with the Pearson-Pennant family of St Asaph.

Of particular interest, however, is the fact that in one of the drawers of this desk is an inscription of the date "October 17th 1767". Johnson had spent most of the summer of 1767 in Lichfield, where he stayed with Lucy Porter from May until October. His extant diaries and letters show that he took the coach for Birmingham and Oxford on the morning of Saturday, October 17, the date of the inscription.

He had taken his last farewell of the dying Catherine Chambers, who had been a maid in his mother's service from 1724 until his mother's death in 1759, and was no doubt conscious of old family ties. It was an appropriate moment for him to make a gift to his stepdaughter who had accommodated him for a stay of more than five months, and a decorated piece of furniture would have been an appropriate gesture of gratitude and affection.

Yours faithfully,
J. D. FLEEMAN,
Pembroke College,
Oxford.
April 3.

Poles apart

From the Secretary General of the Building Societies Association

Sir, Under the Securities and Investments Board's polarisation rules as they now stand, building societies must choose to become either independent intermediaries or appointed representatives in respect of life insurance, which is an integral part of mortgage business these days. In either event the rules would prevent societies from selling their own personal pension plans through their branches.

This is directly contrary to the wishes of Parliament and the Secretary of State for Social Services – building societies were specifically given the power to set up their own personal pensions in the Building Societies Act 1986. Building societies cannot see that the consumer would be at all confused if they simultaneously acted as independent intermediaries for life insurance (largely on the mortgage side) while selling their own personal pensions products (on the investment side).

Societies can live with polarisation in respect of life insurance, although they certainly share the Director General of Fair Trading's reservations about this. Our case is that personal pensions should be excluded from the scope of polarisation. Personal equity plans have already been so excluded, seemingly with less justification. Deposit-based personal pensions (as opposed to those based on unit trusts) have never been within it.

Societies are not asking for special treatment for banks and building societies but simply for a sensible and pragmatic adjustment to the scope of polarisation.

Yours faithfully,
M. J. BOLÉAT,
Secretary General,
The Building Societies Association,
3 Savile Row, W1.

A testing time for bishoprics

From Mr Frank Field, MP for Birkenhead (Labour)

Sir, The Bishop of Stepney would have been a superb choice for the diocese of Birmingham (reports, April 9, 10, 13, 14). But before the Bishop of Aston lodges a complaint with Synod about what has happened, could I ask him to widen the debate?

As a member of Parliament, I have observed the appointment of a large number of bishops. In many of these instances the Vacancy-in-See Committee's deliberations have all too often led to the passing-over of talent which lies outside the exclusively closeted world of General Synod. Maybe Synod ought to begin to put its house in order before asking for any change in the concordat between Church and State on this matter.

My other observation about the appointments over the past eight years is that in only one case could one seriously consider the person as a potential successor to Dr Runcie. The Archbishop has another five years in office and one of the major concerns of the Crown Appointments Commission ought to be the appointment to sees of candidates who have the qualities to succeed Dr Runcie. Dr Mark Santer, the Bishop of Kensington, is another such person and, when we look back in a few years' time, we may see how significant Mrs Thatcher's choice has been.

May not the lesson that we draw from this episode be that the Holy Spirit doesn't, fortunately, only operate through the Crown Appointments Commission and that not for the first time since the Reformation has the Spirit found it easier to work through the State than the formal structures of the Church?

FRANK FIELD,
House of Commons.

A tax on culture

From Professor Charles Arnold-Baker

Sir, Is it really true (report, April 15) that the EEC is planning to extend the taxation of culture (such as music and drama) to books because, by its foolish policies, it cannot balance its budgets?

Culture is one of the purposes for which economic activity exists. Without it we become mechanised savages. To tax it is illogical, immoral and destructive.

Even at the depth of World War II, when we were desperate for money, we refused to tax books because literature was a major support of the civilisation for which the war was being fought. Many of us remember that controversy. The argument is, of course, much stronger in peacetime.

The proposal should be rejected, not only on its own squalid demerits, but as a preliminary to the abolition of taxes on all culture *of every kind*.

It is high time that our national and international rulers learned the value as well as the price of the things which they handle. Will you, Sir, help to teach them?

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES ARNOLD-BAKER,
Top Floor, 2 Paper Buildings,
Temple, EC4.
April 15.

Nursing shortage

From Mrs Elizabeth Bradley

Sir, What has changed in the sphere of nurses' pay? I am an experienced SRN who has left the profession. Back in 1971, I was living in rented accommodation, solely responsible for my two children, working full-time night duty. At the end of the month I had 10 pence left in my purse to feed the children and myself.

The whole situation is a a total disgrace. My considerable expertise, and that of many others, is being wasted. I can no longer *afford* to follow my profession.

Yours sincerely,
ELIZABETH BRADLEY,
Tregony House,
Bridge,
Redruth,
Cornwall.
April 9.

Distress signals

From Ms Patricia Tyrrell

Sir, I sympathise with Dr Mansell (April 3) in her fear of a car breakdown at night.

In the United States a piece of white cloth (handkerchief, etc) hanging from the driver's window of a stationary car means that the vehicle has broken down and help should be summoned.

This signal is easy, inexpensive, understood nationwide and visible at night to the lights of passing vehicles.

Yours truly,
PATRICIA TYRRELL,
17 Century Court, Porth,
Newquay, Cornwall.
April 3.

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 18 1849

The victory described below ended the second Sikh war and culminated in the annexation of the Punjab. In January the Sikhs had defeated Lord Gough at Chillianwallah, where the British lost their guns and suffered more than 2,000 casualties

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[THE SIKH WAR]

The Overland Mail, like a story published in parts, often brings, in addition to more authentic and less interesting matters, just a stray rumour, a letter, or a telegraphic despatch, of a nature to excite the most intense anxiety for the next arrival. It was so last mail. Almost buried in its more bulky contents was a small slip of paper, entitled the "Extra" of the *Bombay Times*, and containing the agreeable announcement of a real victory over the Sikhs and a total rout of their army . . . without any extra-ordinary loss on our part, but with great loss to the enemy; 53 guns have been captured, including some of our own lost at Chillianwallah, and many bearing marks of having been spiked on that occasion. . . *The Battle of Goojerat* on the 21st of February, if it have not entirely retrieved the generalship of Lord Gough, has at least avenged the disasters of Ramnuggur and Chillianwallah. The veteran Commander-in-Chief will retire in his glory, and Sir Charles Napier will find on his arrival that he has leisure to introduce his reforms before the army shall again be summoned to the field.

... On the morning of the 21st Lord Gough, with his line extended three miles, marched towards Goojerat. . . The heavy guns were this time permitted to prepare the way for the infantry; the balance of metal happily being on our side. Our 18-pounders soon silenced the lighter pieces of the enemy, and all our artillery was then pushed on. Then, and not till then, the infantry advanced, drove the enemy before them, took village after village, and soon occupied the town of Goojerat. The cavalry were despatched in pursuit, and hung on the rear of the enemy for 10 miles from the field, when darkness closed a day which we can fairly call our own. Notwithstanding the general lightness of the Sikh artillery, out of 60 pieces only 7 escaped capture. The camp furniture, the baggage, and baggage cattle, with an enormous amount of ammunition, fell into our hands. Both CHUTTUR SINGH and SHERE SINGH are said to have been wounded. Pressed by a victorious army, and deprived of their guns, ammunition, and baggage, the enemy fled in all directions, the several auxiliaries betaking themselves with all speed to their respective countries. Our loss, though sufficient to keep up that honourable prescription of danger which the Duke tells us is necessary to the enjoyment of an occasional triumph, is trifling compared with the late massacres. . .

Without trusting too securely to present appearances, and bearing in mind how often our victories have been reversed in their results, we yet venture to congratulate our readers on the most encouraging news received from India for many a long day. . . As at Plassy, and some other memorable occasions, we have fairly walked upon the enemy, and pushed him from the field; but we have done so leisurely and deliberately, with round shot to pave the way, with the several arms of the service rendering mutual support, with everything in its place, with the Chief in sight of his soldiers, and the soldiers in sight of their Chief. . . Lord Gough has retrieved his late disasters, and even though he seems to have been playing double or quits for victory, he has at least broken the bank and carried off the prize. The last scene of his career will eclipse the more mixed recollections of the past. It presents the spectacle of twenty-six thousand men, hastily assembled from distant and scattered localities, rising from their bivouack, and marching in an even line against twice their number, nor stopping till the antagonist host is broken and melted away. The moral worth and power of such a spectacle is all the greater for the terrible scenes which have so recently preceded it, and which might have inspired discouragement and distrust in our ranks, and audacity in the foe. . .

Broken lincs

From Mr A. N. Harrisson

Sir, Your Property Buyers' Guide, April 8, offers four properties in Lincolnshire, at Market Rasen (under East Anglia), Grantham (East of England), Lincoln (Midlands) and Boston (North-east). In two cases the Lincolnshire entry is the only one allotted to the alleged region.

It seems unfortunate that so large a county should be so easily mislaid.

I am, etc,
A. N. HARRISSON,
The Cottage,
Ickleton Road, Elmdon,
Saffron Walden,
Essex.
April 9.

Sitting on the fence

From Mr Peter A. Reed

Sir, Mr Henry Miles's letter (April 6) referred to his being addressed "Dear Madam or Sir".

When editing The Old Codgers' Live Letters column in the *Daily Mirror* I was addressed, on several occasions, "Dear Sir or Madman".

In retirement I find great consolation in this.

Yours faithfully,
PETER A. REED,
59 St Katharine's Way,
St Katharine's-by-the-Tower, E1.
April 6.

SOCIAL NEWS

Forthcoming marriages

Mr E.C.R. Gregory
and Miss A.S.R. Biggs-Davison
The engagement is announced between Edmund, younger son of Mr Keith Gregory, of Plawsworth, Durham, and the late Mrs Margaret Gregory, and Arabella, youngest daughter of Sir John Biggs-Davison, MP, and Lady Biggs-Davison, of London and Timberscombe, Somerset.

Architetto G. Granozio
and Dr L.M.C. Byatt
The engagement is announced between Giorgio, son of Signor and Signora Enrico Granozio, of Rome, and Lucinda Margaret Campbell, daughter of Sir Hugh Campbell and Lady Byatt, of Leargnahension, by Tarbert, Argyll.

Mr C.R.F. Foulkes
and Miss H.J. Bamfield
The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of the late Major-General T.H.F. Foulkes and of Mrs Foulkes, of Fleet, Hampshire, and Hilary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs H.C. Bamfield, of Easter Compton, Bristol.

Mr A. Gibbs
and Miss L. Moore
The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of Mr and Mrs Gibbs, St Columba's College, Whitechurch, Dublin, and Lisa, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Moore, Framingham, Massachusetts, United States.

Mr M. Greenham
and Miss M. Merry
The engagement is announced between Martin, only son of Mrs Joyce Greenham, London, and Martine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Merry, Northampton.

Mr A.J. Henderson
and Miss F.M.E. McLeod
The engagement is announced between Alexander, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Adrian Henderson, of Kilmington, Wiltshire, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David McLeod, of Old Hunstanton, Norfolk.

Dr M.F. Horder
and Miss A. Paskins
The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Major Denis Horder, RA (TA), retd, and the late Mrs Jeanette Horder, of Falmouth, Cornwall, and Amanda, only daughter of Dr and Mrs David Paskins, of Burgess Hill, West Sussex.

Mr V.M. Howland
and Miss J.A. Tinworth
The engagement is announced between Vernon Maxwell, younger son of Mr and Mrs V.B. Howland, of Lesmurdie, Western Australia, and Julie Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J. Tinworth, of Wahroonga, New South Wales.

Dr N.D. James
and Dr A. Reed
The engagement is announced between Nicholas David, son of Captain David and Dr Elizabeth James, of Northwood, Middlesex, and Alison, daughter of Dr John and Dr Hilary Reed, of Bromley, Kent.

Mr S. Larner
and Miss C. Hempstead
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs D. Larner, of Kelvedon, Essex, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Hempstead, of Great Baddow, Essex.

Mr D. Modley
and Miss J.C. Dean
The engagement is announced between Drummond, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.L.M. Modley, of Courtenay, Avenue Road, Fleet, Hampshire, and Joanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G.D. Dean, of Clifford House, Shalford, Guildford, Surrey.

Mr R.J. Morrissey
and Miss H.L. Atkins
The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs T.N. Morrissey, of Wexford, Republic of Ireland, and Helena, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Atkins, of Runcton, Chichester.

Mr S.S. Porter
and Miss A.G. O'Connor
The engagement is announced between Samuel Scott, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Norman Porter, Crossreagh Drive, Rathcoole, and Anne Genevieve O'Connor, RGN, elder daughter of the late Dr Peter O'Connor, FRC Path, and Mrs Angela O'Connor, Arranmore Road, Dublin.

Mr S.C.T. Robey
and Miss F.M.M. Redfern
The engagement is announced between Simon, only son of the late Mr P.C.H.T. Robey and Mrs S.V.G. Robey, of Girton, Cambridge, and Mary, only daughter of the late Mr and Mrs W. Redfern, of Rivington, Lancashire.

Mr M. Shelley
and Miss K. Harrison
The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs B.S.J. Shelley, of Great Wakering, Essex, and Karen, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs L.V. Harrison, of South Shore, Blackpool.

Mr P.R. Snelling
and Mrs J.E.L. Forrester
The engagement is announced between Peter Snelling, of Tudor Crest, 27 Holdernesse Road, London, SW17, and Joanna, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Man, of 85 Middlebridge Street, Romsey, Hampshire.

Mr C.C.W. Wildish
and Miss C.L. Devereux
The engagement is announced between Clive, younger son of Colonel and Mrs D.C. Wildish, of Tonbridge, Kent, and Clare, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs A.J. Devereux, of Cardiff, Glamorgan.

Birthdays

TODAY: Mr Roger de Grey, president, Royal Academy, 69; Sir Peter Hordern, MP, 58; Lord Leatherland, 89; Mr Roy Mason, MP, 63; the Rev Dominic Milroy, OSB, headmaster, Ampleforth College, 55; General Sir Horatius Murray, 84; Baroness Platt of Writtle, 64; the Right Rev Dr E.J.K. Roberts, former Bishop of Ely, 79; Sir Edgar Unsworth, barrister, 81.

TOMORROW: Miss Sue Barker, tennis player, 31; Mr Algy Cluff, chairman, Cluff Oil, 47; Mr Tim Curry, actor, 41; Mr Glyn England, chairman, Council for Environmental Conservation, 66; Sir Andrew Gilchrist, diplomat, 77; Sir John Griffin, QC, 84; Mr S C Harpley, sculptor, 60; Dr John Horlock, vice-chancellor, Open University, 59; Mr Dudley Moore, 52; Professor A.W. Wilkinson, paediatrician, 73.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir Francis Baring, banker, Larkbear, Devon, 1740.

DEATHS: John Foxe, martyrologist, London, 1587; **Sir Robert Smirke**, architect (British Museum), Cheltenham, 1867; **Ottorino Respighi**, composer, Rome, 1936; **Sir John Ambrose Fleming**, electrical engineer, Sidmouth, 1945; **Albert Einstein**, Nobel laureate 1921, Princeton, New Jersey, 1955.

The Republic of Ireland Act 1948, severing its membership of the British Commonwealth, came into operation, 1949.

Polytechnic news

Birmingham

Birmingham Polytechnic has awarded Fellowships to three people who have made significant contributions to the development of the Polytechnic. They are:

Lee Moore, a lecturer in law at the College of Commerce, one of the constituent colleges of the Polytechnic. He became Premier of St Kitts in the East Caribbean in May 1979 and is still very active in Caribbean politics.

Ken Allan, a former Deputy Director and acting Director of the Polytechnic.

Pam Hobson, secretary, administrator, and singer who has been closely involved with Birmingham Polytechnic School of Music, particularly as Secretary of the Centenary Appeal.

Appointments:

Dr Diana Green, to be Assistant Director responsible for Academic Planning, in succession to David Burns.

Dr Judith Hitchen to be Dean of the Faculty of Health & Social Sciences.

Mr Phil Walking to be Dean of the Faculty of Education.

Central London

Dr Geoffrey Copland has been appointed Deputy Rector.

The mystery of love that suffers

Many Christians are profoundly worried and perplexed by the difficulty of reconciling the love of God with the prevalence and intensity of human suffering.

Could it be that the cause of much of their distress is the innate human tendency to reduce what is, and will remain, a Divine mystery to the level of an intellectual problem that can be encompassed by human reason? How can we mortals ever comprehend the mystery of Divinity, or as creatures, understand the mind of our Creator?

Isaiah knew better than to attempt such an absurdity when he wrote "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts, saith the Lord".

As a problem the relationship between God's love and human suffering is insoluble for it is beyond human reason and understanding, but if we approach it as a Divine mystery, using not thought but the light of human experience and wisdom, then we catch glimpses of hidden treasures.

For the Christian there first appears the symbol of his faith, the Cross, and on it united, in the Person of the Saviour, human suffering and Divine love; suffering that loves and love that suffers. This, as St. Paul tells the Corinthians, is to many people foolishness and a stumbling block but, 'to them which are called ... (it is) Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.'

But if the fullest revelaton of the union of love and suffering in Christ Jesus is not perceived by the unbeliever, yet he too has experience of the same mysterious union, for all over the world motherhood is honoured for its unity of love and suffering, not only during pregnancy and labour, but also throughout the long years of infancy and childhood.

If you doubt this go and watch the tired young "mums" with an infant and a small child in our supermarkets and bus queues. There you will see the marriage of suffering with love, a marriage that is found throughout the whole gamut of human experience.

Another and inexplicable form of suffering is that caused by natural disasters. When this occurs experience shows us that such suffering cries out in its agony to love and that love responds. We may speak of this as "international aid", but it is love seeking and finding its partner, suffering, in the mystery of life.

This call of suffering and love's answer we see in the work of Mother Theresa in India and in "Show Biz's" response to famine in Ethiopia. It is not chance that has made the Cross, the symbol of united love and suffering, the badge of the world's greatest relief organisation.

But what of those who suffer? "As gold is tried in the furnace so are acceptable men in the furnace of adversity." Some few are destroyed by suffering, but many more learn both to accept and to give love, perhaps for the first time, in days of pain whether of mind or body.

There is a mysterious comradeship between those who suffer, for few things have such power to bring people together than shared suffering, be it caused by disease, hardship, persecution or grief. Many too, when forced to endure suffering in solitude, be it in prison or in sickness, speak of an awareness of the abiding presence of Him, who is love.

All these experiences of the mysterious unity of love and suffering are beyond rational explanation, for they are woven into the pattern of life and, to those with eyes to see, reflect a mystery at the heart of Eternity. Why suffering and love belong together we shall never know, but life's experience indicates that they do.

Some years ago an international congress of those researching into chemical substances capable of diminishing pain and altering mental states met in Rome. Much of this work has since benefitted mankind by providing relief in physical and mental illnesses.

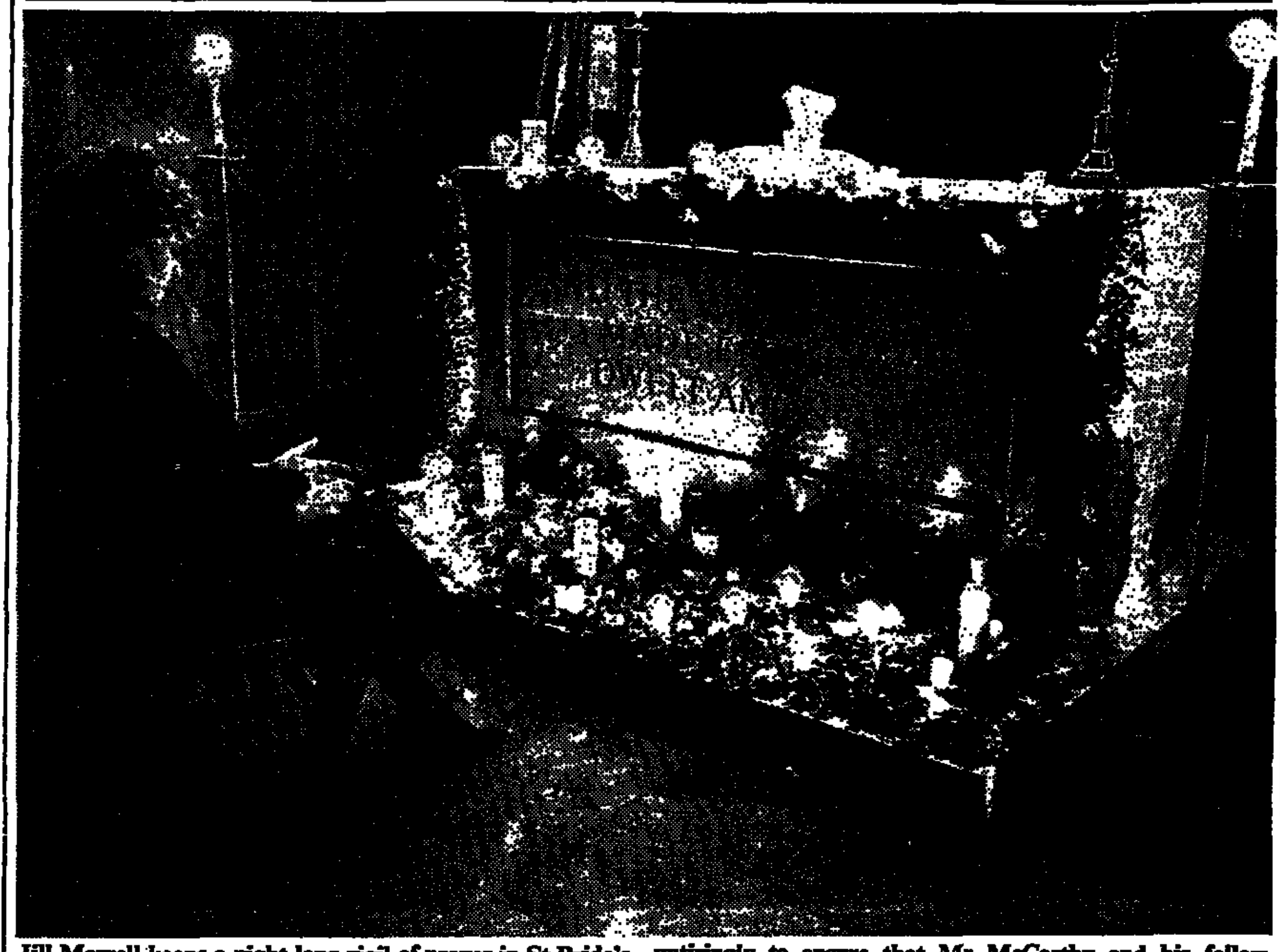
The then Pope invited the congress to an audience and gave them an address which showed that he was familiar with the purpose and direction of their work, expressing his approval, but adding the solemn warning that we should always think long and hard before we took away from a human being the capacity to experience suffering.

Some months later I remembered the Pope's words when I heard a very ill mental patient say, "I no longer suffer fears, anxieties or agitation, but I can no longer feel any joy or love."

So we come full cycle and are back at the Cross with no solution to the problem with which we began, but the mystery of the Cross abides with us, the mystery of suffering that loves and love that suffers, the mystery that has the power to save from Hell, the mystery seen to be at the heart of Eternity and is experienced in the warp and woof of life's clothing.

John Cole

The author is an Anglican priest who has worked in physiological psychology.



Jill Morrell keeps a night-long vigil of prayer in St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, for John McCarthy, the television journalist who was ambushed and taken hostage in Beirut exactly a year earlier. Miss Morrell, a television scriptwriter, was his girlfriend. She has campaigned untiringly to ensure that Mr McCarthy and his fellow hostages are not forgotten. A Beirut newspaper yesterday published a letter from her calling on Mr McCarthy not to give up hope and promising that "we won't let you down" (Photograph: Alan Weller).

Science report

More power, less acid rain

By Alfred Browne

The problem of acid rain, now bedevilling relationships between European nations, could be reduced by MHD (Magneto Hydro-Dynamic) power stations, a Soviet specialist says.

These will be more efficient than ordinary thermal stations, cutting the cost of electricity and saving fuel reserves. They will also be a less polluting way of coal-firing power stations.

MHD works by extracting some of the energy directly as electricity from extremely hot gases, which are forced at high speed through a strong magnetic field and become an electrically-conducting hot plasma.

After the gas has been heated to several thousand degrees centigrade in a furnace, potassium is added to the fuel. The potassium aids the efficiency of electricity generation but also binds together the sulphur oxides, Dr Sergei Golyashevich, head of an MHD group at the Krzhizhanovsky Power Engineering Institute, reports.

It is these sulphur oxides, mainly in the emissions from tall power station chimneys, but also from other boilers, which are blamed for the sulphuric acid content of rain which is said to be killing forests and poisoning lakes in Scandinavia and Central Europe.

MHD was developed for economic reasons. The Russians claim that the limit of under 40 per cent efficiency of a normal steam-raising plant can be lifted by 10-15 per cent by extracting some energy by MHD.

This also means that less waste heat, another pollutant, is released into the environment. Dr Golyashevich admits there remains the problem of nitrogen oxides.

Work is proceeding on how to concentrate them for the profitable production of nitric acid. The sulphur already being extracted is used in fertilizer production.

The Russians have several MHD pilot plants, in one of which the Americans co-operated by supplying a superconducting magnet.

They are now completing the first commercial unit, of 580 megawatts at Ryazan, and are designing 1,000 megawatt units, using super-conductivity. These will burn natural gas.

The main line of attack at the moment, Dr Golyashevich says, is on MHD with solid fuel. This has problems from the extreme reactivity of the slag with the ionizing additives needed to make the plasma electrically conducting. Heat regeneration is also proving more difficult with solid fuels than with natural gas.

Latest wills

Professor George Derwent Thomson, of Moseley, Birmingham, Professor of Greek at Birmingham University 1937-70, who attracted widespread attention as an alleged member of the British Communist Party's executive after the Second World War, left £142,454 net.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Bibbey, Mr William, of Bushbury, West Midlands £696,946.

Hope, Mrs Eileen, of Lancaster Gardens, London SW £601,024.

Wilkinson, Mrs Elsie Mabel, of Croscombe, Somerset £569,640.

Morten, Mrs Phyllis May, of Bramhall, Greater Manchester.......... £514,712.

Ball, Mr John, of Mansfield, Nottinghamshire....... £512,407.

Tremellen, Mrs Lorna, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.......... £401,046.

OBITUARY

MR ALFRED EVANS

Loyal Labour backbencher

Mr Alfred Evans, a Welsh headmaster who became Labour MP for Caerphilly, died on April 13. He was 73.

Evans, a big, stalwart man, was a dedicated backbencher and was totally loyal to the Wilson Adminisrations. He represented Caerphilly from 1968 to 1979.

Alfred Thomas Evans was born on February 24, 1914, and educated at Bargoed Grammar School, Glamorgan, and the University of Wales in Cardiff. He returned to Bargoed to teach and, in 1949, was appointed headmaster of Bedlinog Secondary School, Glamorgan, a post he held until being made headmaster of Lewis Boys' Grammar School, Pengam, Monmouthshire, in 1966.

Two years later he contested a by-election for Caerphilly, following the death of Mr Ness Edwards, and won the safe Labour seat. Evans had served his political apprenticeship as a member of Gelligaer Urban District Council and had unsuccessfully stood as a prospective parliamentary candidate at Leominster (1955) and Stroud (1959).

Once at Westminster he won a reputation as a solid backbencher, serving on the estimates committee and the backbench committees for the disabled, social services and the Middle East. He became Chairman of the Welsh Parliamentary Labour Party in 1977.

Always uppermost in his mind was the welfare of others, including his fellow MPs. In 1977 he described British MPs as "the paupers of Europe" and said that their pay was on the level of "bricklayers who do a bit of jobbing in their spare time". He urged that MPs' salaries should be tied to a grade in the Civil Service. There was no suggestion that his concern was at all self-seeking.

He married, in 1939, Mary O'Marah, who died before him, and they had three children.

ERVIN NYIREGYHAZI

Ervin Nyiregyhazi, a pianist who was a child prodigy but who withdrew from public life for four decades before making a remarkable comeback in the 1970s, died in Los Angeles on April 13. He was 84.

Nyiregyhazi began to play the piano at the age of two in his native Hungary and his first compositions followed two years later. But a promising career in the United States evaporated after a tempestuous divorce case in the 1920s; the first of his numerous wives attacked him with a knife and forced him to flee New York to Los Angeles. Here he became submerged in the Hollywood swamp, tinkering with tunes for the thriving film studios.

He was born in Budapest in 1903 and his talent was soon recognised. Development was rapid and at the age of 15 he made his Berlin debut playing Liszt, and was enthusiastically received in New York in 1920.

During the next 15 years he slipped from public view. Having settled on the West Coast, he drank a lot and lived the life a near-vagrant. Though he continued to play, for 40 years he did not own a piano.

His return to the limelight began with a concert in 1973 at a church in San Francisco when he played some of the lesser known pieces of Liszt; an amateur recording of the recital was heard by Harold Schonberg, music critic of *The New York Times*, and this led to Columbia releasing two gramaphone records of his playing.

The recordings proved controversial; some listeners could not accept the rigid tempos and individual styles. But romantic revivalists were enthralled. However, Nyiregyhazi soon disappeared from sight again.

He was married ten times, losing six wives by divorce and three by death. He is survived by his tenth wife, Doris.

THE HON LORD STEWART

Mr Ludovic Kennedy writes:
I came to know the Scottish judge, Lord Stewart (obituary, April 3), when I was preparing a book on the Patrick Meehan case in which he had led successfully for the prosecution. I wrote to him expressing my doubts about the verdict and asked if he would see me to discuss them.

Many advocates in his position would have refused, either because of a belief among lawyers that they should not talk to journalists or, so as not to have his conviction that Meehan was guilty, disturbed.

But, without hesitation, Ewan invited me to his house for what turned out to be the first of several meetings.

Initially, he stuck to a belief in Meehan's guilt - a belief common to all the Scottish Bench who had, on many occasions, turned down Meehan's appeals for the case to be reviewed. But, in the course of time, he came round to the view that the verdict was wrong, and he was big enough to say so.

Ewan Stewart was a man of great wit and good judgement, and of the most liberal sympathies. The Scottish Bench will be the poorer without him.

SIR GRAHAM WILSON

Sir Ashley Miles writes:
It has to be emphasized that Graham Wilson (obituary, April 6) was a superb editor and collaborator in research.

Both activities were characterized by the immense care and skill that had informed all the early training he gave me in microbiology both in thought and in work at the bench.

Your obituarist mentioned that our joint texbook was at times dogmatic. But, following the principles laid down by my predecessor in the book, Bill Topley, we insisted on citing all the available evidence for the reader's own decision - undue dogma was thereby avoided.

Mention should be made of the Medical Research Council, with whose help and backing - especially that of Lansborough Thompson - the Public Health Laboratory Service was initiated.

Church appointments

The Rev J Anderson, Rector, Sherfield-on-Loddon and Stratfield Saye w. Hartley Wespall w. Stratfield Turgis, diocese Winchester: to be Rector, Newton Valence and Selborne and East Tisted w. Colmer, same diocese.

The Rev J Binns, Team Vicar, Christ Church, East Sheen, diocese Southwark: to be Vicar, Holy Trinity, Upper Tooting, same diocese.

The Rev M D Brown, Curate, Cheadle, diocese Chester: to be Vicar, All Saints', Preston, diocese Blackburn.

The Rev R J Brunswick, Vicar, St. Luke, Southport, diocese Liverpool: to be Rector, Croston, diocese Blackburn.

The Rev J F A Ellis, Vicar, South Tawton w. South Zeal, Belstone and Sticklepath, and Rural Dean of Okehampton, diocese Exeter: to be Priest-in-charge, Yelverton, Meavy, Sheepstor and Walkhampton, same diocese.

The Rev M Garner, Priest-in-charge, Burton, diocese Carlisle: to be Rector, Burghclere w. Newtown and Ecchinswell w. Sydmonton, diocese Winchester.

The Rev B R Green, Vicar, Henham w. Elsenham and Ugley, diocese Chelmsford: to be also Rural Dean of Newport and Stansted, same diocese.

The Rev B Hayllar, Rector, Rotherfield S. Denys w. Mark Cross St. Mark, diocese Chichester: has been appointed also Rural Dean of Rotherfield, same diocese.

The Rev D M Hunter, formerly Priest-in-charge, Brinkley w. Burrough Green, Carlton and Westley Waterless, diocese Ely: to be Rector, Bressingham w. Fersfield and North and South Lopham, diocese Norwich.

The Rev Canon E W M Kelly, Organising Secretary, Papua New Guinea Church Partnership and Honorary Canon of the Church of Papua New Guinea: to be Rector, Holy Trinity, Trowbridge Team Ministry, diocese Salisbury.

The Rev J Labdon, Assistant Curate, Holy Trinity, Formby, diocese Liverpool: to be Priest-in-charge, St. Mark's, St. Helens, same diocese.

The Rev J Lilley, Chaplain, Scargill House, diocese Bradford: to be Vicar, Beaminster area team ministry, diocese Salisbury.

The Rev Canon D RMacInnes, Diocesan Missioner, diocese Birmingham: to be Rector, St. Aldate w. St. Matthew, diocese Oxford.

The Rev M Oades, Vicar, St. James, Merton, diocese to be Vicar, All Saints, Benhilton, same diocese.

The Rev B Le G Petfield, Curate, Knaresborough, diocese Ripon: to be Vicar, Flamborough and Bempton, diocese York.

The Rev D H Reynolds, Incumbent, Fulford, diocese York: to be Team Vicar designate, Egloskerry, Tremaine and Tresmeer, diocese Truro.

The Rev R Screech, Vicar, St. Antony, Nunhead, and Priest-in-charge, St. Silas, Nunhead, and Rural Dean of Camberwell, diocese Southwark: to be Vicar, St. Edward the Confessor, New Addington, Croydon, same diocese.

The Rev M D Smith, Assistant Curate, Beaconsfield Team Ministry, diocese Oxford: to be Vicar, Wing w. Grove, same diocese.

The Rev D N Stevenson, Priest-in-charge, Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn, diocese Portsmouth: to be Vicar, Norton Fitzwarren, diocese Bath and Wells.

The Rev W G Stinson, Rector, Dovercourt and Parkeston, diocese Chelmsford: to be also Rural Dean of Harwich, same diocese.

The Rev Canon J Taylor, Vicar, Withyham St. John the Evangelist, diocese Chichester: has been appointed also Priest-in-charge, Withyham St. Michael and All Angels, same diocese. He has resigned as Rural Dean of Rotherfield.

The Rev K L Turns, Assistant Curate, St. Martin's, Torquay, diocese Exeter: to be Assistant Curate, East Clevedon w. Walton-in-Gordano, Weston-in-Gordano and Clapton-in-Gordano, diocese Bath and Wells.

The Rev A.J. Woodward, Chaplain to the Forces: to be Rector, Norris Bank, diocese Manchester.

Resignations and retirements

The Rt. Rev. Conrad Meyer, Bishop of Dorchester, diocese Oxford, is to retire on 1 November.

The Rev J M Clark, Curate, Horsham, diocese Chichester: to retire on 31 July (He will become non-stipendiary curate of the same parish.

The Rev P D A Collins, Rector, Husbands Bosworth w. Mowsley, Knaptoft and Theddingworth, diocese Leicester: to resign on 30 June.

The Rev F Dare, Vicar, Wisborough Green St. Peter ad Vincula, diocese Chichester: to retire on 31 July.

The Rev Canon A T Green, Vicar, Enderby and Thurlaston, diocese Leicester: to retire on 30 September.

The Rev Dr W Oddie, Rector, Romford, St. Andrew, diocese Chelmsford: to resign on 30 June.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

For this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.
1 Peter 4 : 6

BIRTHS

DOUBLE - On April 4th, at King's College Hospital, to Glynis and Paul, a daughter, Elizabeth Joanna Glynis.

HOYER MILLAR - On April 15th 1987, at The Portland Hospital, to Pippa and Christian, a son.

IONS - On April 6th, in Durham, to Hilary and Gerald, a son, Christopher Thomas.

STEWART - On April 7th, at Greenwich, to Ellis (née Cronjaeger) and Roger, a son, Iain William Nathaniel.

MARRIAGES

MORETON:D'ASTUGUES - On April 16th 1987, in Singapore, David John, son of the late Commander P. Moreton and of Mrs P. Moreton of Taunton, Somerset, to Clare Frances, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs M.E. D'Astugues of Altea la Vieja, Spain.

DEATHS

AHUJA - On April 10th 1987, suddenly at home in Rangoon, Burma, Hiranand Tikamdas aged 70 years, beloved husband of Sophie.

BATCHELOR - On April 15th 1987, at home, Lettice, dearly loved wife of the late Colonel G.G.M. Batchelor and mother of Susan and Patricia. Funeral at Irongray Parish Church on Wednesday 22nd April at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired please to the British Red Cross Society care of the Manager, Bank of Scotland, 192 King Street, Castle-Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire.

DAVIE - On April 11th 1987, in Cape Town, South Africa: Lt. Col. Maurice Davie, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (Ret.d).

EVANS - On April 13th, Alfred Thomas (Fred) of 8, Dilwyn Avenue, Hengoed, Mid Glam. (Former M.P. for Caerphilly) beloved husband of the late Mary Katherine, a devoted father of Katherine, Andrew, and Sian, and a much loved grandfather of Nadia and Rhys. Funeral Tuesday April 21st. Service at Hanbury Road Baptist Church, Bargoed, at 1.20pm followed by private cremation. No flowers by request, but donations if desired to Wales Council for Disabled c/o D.J. Thomas & Son, Funeral Directors, 45 Park Road, Bargoed, Mid Glam CF8 8SQ.

GRAVES - On April 15th 1987, peacefully at University College Hospital, Dr. Eva Muriel, F.R.C. Path. Dearly loved sister of Herbert Graves and of the late Norman Graves. Funeral service at St. Mary-at-Hill, London EC3 on Thursday April 23rd at 2.30pm, followed by private cremation. No flowers or donations please by request.

ISAACS - On April 13th 1987, peacefully at Old Tollgate Nursing Home, East Grinstead, West Sussex, Evelyn Isaacs (née Lawrence) aged 94. Funeral service and cremation at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium at Worth near Crawley at 2.30pm on Monday 27th April. Enquiries to F. Brinkhurst & Son East Grinstead, (Telephone 0342 23092).

LONNON - On April 10th 1987, suddenly, Lt Col. P.W. Lonnon OBE. Funeral service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead on Thursday 23rd April at 2.30pm.

SHEPHERD - On Wednesday April 15th, at Rose Lodge, Croft Avenue, Penrith, Cumbria, Elizabeth of Victoria Cottage, Penrith, aged 74 years. Daughter of the late Thomas Dowker and Frances Shepherd and fond aunt of Charles, Kate and Bill. Service at St. Andrew's Church, Penrith, on Tuesday April 21st at 2pm followed by cremation at Carlisle Crematorium. Family flowers only. If desired, donations for The Multiple Sclerosis Society may be sent to Mrs Hugh Ellison, Stone House, Arthur Street, Penrith, Cumbria.

WALTER - On April 13th 1987, Catherine aged 91 years, grand-daughter of John Walter III Editor of "The Times".

WHITTET - On April 15th 1987, at the Middlesex Hospital, London, Thomas Douglas Whittet C.B.E., aged 72 years, dearly loved husband of Doreen and much loved father and grandfather. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service to be announced later.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MILLS - A Memorial Service for Peter C.M. Mills, will be held in Highfield School Chapel on Sunday May 3rd, at 3pm.

PARKIN - Charles. There will be a Thanksgiving for his life, in words and music, at 3pm on Sunday 10th May 1987 in the Hall, Clare College, Cambridge.

PERRY - The memorial service for Lt. Col. R.S.G. Perry, D.S.O., D.L., 9th Queen's Royal Lancers, will be held at Sherborne Abbey, Dorset on Tuesday May 5th at 3.00pm.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE - Vere Frederick Cecil Hobart-Hampden, 9th Earl of Buckinghamshire who died April 19th 1983. Dearly loved husband of Margot.

RAFFLES - Gerry, celebrating the birthday of Gerry Raffles. Joan, his theatre.

FRANKLIN - David my loving thoughts are with you know and always, with deepest gratitude for all your support. Myrtle.

HASHIMOTO - Roy Tetsukichi. Dearest Roy, remembered with great love today and always. Phyllis.

HUNTER - In cherished memory of Norman Charles Hunter, playwright, who died April 19th 1971.

NEIKEL - John Neikel died Easter Sunday 1981. Loved and remembered this day and every day.

RUSSELL - Raymond Wycliffe, on 20th April 1977, rememberd with much love, Inge and Victoria.

Services for Easter Day

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 M (Quire). Responses (Smith). Easter Anthems, Te Deum (Walton in D). Jubilate (Britten in B flat). Angelus Domini (Casciolini): 11 S Euch. (Nave). Kent Service (Ferguson). Haec Dies (Palestrina). The Archbishop: 3.15 E. This Joyful Eastertide (Wood). Responses (Smith). Chichester Service (Walton). Blessed be the God & Father (Wesley): 6.30 ES. The Archdeacon.

YORK MINSTER: 7.15, 8, 8.45 HC: 10 S Euch (ASB). (Schubert in G). This joyful Eastertide (Wood). The Archbishop: 11.30 M. Easter Anthems (Moore). Collegium Regale (Howells). Responses (Smith). Very Rev John Southgate: 4 E St Pauls Service (Howells). Haec Dies (Byrd).

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30 M. Jubilate (Walton). (Williams in G). Very Rev Dr ALan Webster: 11.30 HC. Messe Solennelle (Langlais). Haec Dies (Byrd): 3.15 E. (Dyson in D). Worthy is the Lamb (Handel). Canon Graham Rutledge

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC: 10.30 Procession & S Euch. Missa Brevis in F (Mozart). The Dean: 3 E. Gloucester Service (Howells). Haec Dies (Byrd). Most Rev T Huddleston: 6.30 ES. Rev A Luff.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC: 11 Euch. Missa Brevis in D (Mozart). Jubilate in C (Britten). Haec Dies (Byrd). The Bishop of Kingston: 3 E. Stanford in C. Britten in C. My beloved spake (Purcell). The Provost.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30, 7 LM: 10.30 HM. Missa Brevis in D (Mozart). Let all the world (Williams). Rise heart the Lord is risen (Williams). Celebrant Cardinal Hume: 3.30 V.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10, 12.15, 6 LM: 11 HM. In Honerem Sancti Josephi (Peeters). The trumpet shall sound (Handel). Sequence (MacCarthy). Haec Dies (Arcadelt). Regnavit Dominus (Shebbeare). Halleluiah Chorus (Handel). Very Rev James P Pannett.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St. James's Palace: 8.30 HC: 11 15 S Euch. (Schubert in G). Canon A D Caesar.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 8.30 HC: 11.15 S Euch. (Darke in F). Rt Rev E G Knapp-Fisher.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 Choral Euch. Whoever Liveth (Bach). Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem (Stanford). The Chaplain.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M: 12 HC. The Chaplain.

TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 11 M. Britten in E. If ye be risen again with Christ (Gibbons). Rev David Burgess: 12.15 HC.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC: 11.15 MP & HC. Jesus Christ is risen today (Thomas). Responses (Bernard Rose). The Easter Anthems. Te Deum Laudamus (Williams in G). Jubilate Deo (Thalben-Ball in B flat). Blessed be the God & Father (Wesley). This joyful Eastertide (Wood). The Master.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 8.30 HC: 11 Choral Euch. Adoramus te (Handl). Rev M J Stokes.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30, 12.15 HC: 11 M. (Stanford in B flat). Sing ye to the Lord (Bairstow). The Chaplain: 3.30 E. This joyful Eastertide (Harris). (Murrill in E). Haec Dies (Byrd).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 Easter Liturgy. Blessing of the Paschal Candle & S Euch of the Resurrection. Rev Michael Berry.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8 & 8.15 LM: 11 HM. Coronation Mass (Mozart). Angelus Domini (Casciolini). The Vicar: 6 E & B. (Murrill in E). Haec Dies (Byrd). Rev W H Taylor.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9.30 HC: 11 Church Family Communion. Rev Richard Bewes: 6.30 Rev Kim Swithinbank.

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Old Church Street, SW3: 7, 8, 12 HC: 10 Children's Service: 11 M. Preb Leighton Thomson: 6 E. Preb Leighton Thomson.

CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC: 11 Parish Communion. Rev S Acland.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: 8.15 HC: 11 HM & Procession. Communion Service in C (Stanford). Exultet iam angelica (Gabrieli). O sons and daughters (Davies). Rev A W Marks.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 8.30 HC: 11 Sung ASB: 6.30 Handel's Messiah. Preb J T C B Collins.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30 HC: 11 Choral Euch. Rev Martin Israel.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.30, 12.10 HC: 10.30 S Euch. Canon Roberts.

ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 SM: 11 SM & Procession, Kronungsmesse (Mozart), Worthy is the lamb (Handel), Alleluia (Bach). Rev Gaskell: 3.30 Solemn E & B ES in E flat (Brewer). Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley). Te Deum in G (Williams): 5.30 LM.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 5.45 Dawn Service. The Liturgy of the Resurrection followed by "Egg rolling" in Fleet Street and breakfast in the Music room: 8.30 HC (said 1662): 11 Choral Euch. Easter Anthems. Te Deum (Williams in G). (Stanford in G). Canon John Oates: 6.30 Choral E Responses (Sumsion). Magnificat & Nunc Dimittus (Dyson in D). This joyful Eastertide (Wood). Canon John Oates.

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens SW5: 10 Easter Vigil & HC: 11 S Euch (Darke in F). This joyful Eastertide (Sommervell). Rev John Vine: 6 E & B.

ST CYPRIAN'S, Clarence Gate, NW1: 8 LM: 10.30 M: 11 Procession, HM & Sermon. The Vicar.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC: 11 S Euch. (Stanford in A). The Rector.

ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Parish Communion: 6.30 E.

ST JAMES'S, Garlickhythe, EC4: 10.30 S Euch. (Leighton in D).

ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8 HC: 11 Family Communion. Rev Michael Bunker: 6.30 EP. Rev Gary Rowlandson.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 7, 8.30 HC: 11 S Euch. Baptism & Confirmation. Paukenmess (Haydn). St James Singers & Players. Rt Rev Trevor Huddleston.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC: 10.30 S Euch. Coronation Mass (Mozart). Rev J Haselock: 6 E. Canticles in B flat (Stanford). Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley). Rev D Perkin.

ST JOHN'S WOOD URC, NW8: 8 HC: 9.30 Parish Communion: 11 S Euch & M. Te deum Collegium Regale (Howells): Christ the Lord is risen again (Rutter). Mass in G (Jackson). O sons & daughters (Walford Davies). The Vicar: 6.30 E. Responses (Rose). Canticles (Jackson in G). Hallelujah Chorus (Handel). The Vicar.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8, 12.15 HC: 10.30 S Euch. Since by man came death (Handel). (Ireland in C). Rev S Watson: 6.30 E. Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley). (Stanford in B flat). Rev D R Watson.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC: 10 Family Communion: 11 S Euch. Missa Brevis in B flat (Mozart). Rev Tom Devonshire Jones.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 8.15, 12.15 HC: 11 Choral M & Sermon. Rt Rev George Reindrop.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 6 Easter Vigil. Ceremony of Light & Renewal of Baptismal Vows: 8 HC: 9.45 Euch. The Vicar: 11.30 MP. Rev Stephen Roberts: 12.30 HC (1662): 2.45 Chinese Service & HC: 4.30 Choral E. Preces & Responses (Rose). (Stanford in A). Haec dies (Byrd): 6.30 EP. Rev Philip Chester.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8, 12.30 HC: 9.30 S Euch: 11.15 M: 6.30 E. The Vicar.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7.15 LM: 11 HM. Collegium Regale (Howells). Victimae Paschali (Victoria). Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley). O sacrum convivium (Tallis). Fr John Gilling: 6.15 Solemn E & B. Reponses (Aylewardl). Canticles in F (Dyson). Regina coeli (Soriano).

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8, 11 HC. Messe Solonelle (Rossini). Victimae Paschali laudes (Plainchant). Rev C J Hamel Cooke: 6.30 E. Rev D Head.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15, 11 HC. Rev D C L Prior: 7.30 informal ES.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral Euch. (Darke in E). Haec Dies (Sheppard). Rector David Burton Evans.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC: 11 Solemn Euch. Communion Service in B flat (Stanford). Te Deum in G (Williams). Haec Dies (Byrd). Rev Christopher Courtauld.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC: 10 Family Mass: 11 Solemn Mass. Maria Theresa Mass (Haydn). Sing Joyfully to God (Byrd). Rev D B Tillyer.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8 HC: 11 Sung Communion (Merbecke). This joyful Eastertide (Harris). Ave verum (Byrd). Preb John Pearce: 6.30 E. Nunc Dimittis (Stanford in A). Now is Christ rysen agayne (Brockless). Dss Angela Pearce.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM: 11 HM. Missa Surge propera (Victoria). Rev Christopher Colvin: 6 Solemn E & B. Canticles (Stanford). Rev R Browne.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane, EC2: 11 SM. Fr Victor Stock.

THE ANNUNCIATION, Bryanston Street, W1: 8 Paschal Vigil. Missa Secunda (Hassler). Haec Dies (Palestrina): 11 SM. Missa brevis (Gabrieli). Terra Tremuit (Byrd). Gloria in excelsis Deo (Weelkes): 6 LM & B.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 HC. Rev Alexander Cairns: 6.30 Eastertide Service.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 HC: 6.30 Rev Kenneth G Hughes.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 8 Easter Vigil. Mass in G (Schubert). Maria Magdelene (Gabrieli). Terra tremuit (Byrd): 8, 10, 12, 4, 6 LM: 11 SM Mass in D minor (Mozart). Dum transisset Sabbatum (Taverner). Sicut cervus (Palestrina).

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Wood: 10.30 Nelson Mass (Haydn). Haec dies (Shepherd).

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM: 11 HM.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 12.30, 4.30, 7 LM: 11 HM. Theresienmesse (Haydn). Ardens cor meum (Victoria): 3.30 V. Magnificat Tertii toni (Palestrina).

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 SM. Mass in C (Silas). Haec Dies (Arcedelt). Terra tremuit (Byrd).

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W8: 8, 9, 10, 12.30, 6.30 LM: 11 HM Mass in D (Dovřák). Regina caeli (Aichinger).

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, W1: 11 Rev Ron F Allison.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1:

CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, King's Road, SW3: 9 HC. Rev Malcolm Braddy: 11 Mr Anthony Cane: 6 Rev Malcolm Braddy.

HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 6 Dawn Communion in Manchester Square Gardens: 11 Rev Leslie Griffiths: 6.30 Rev Ken Howcroft.

KENSINGTON URC, Allen Street, W8:

REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN URC, Tavistock Place, WC1: 11, 6.30 Rev John Miller.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 HC: 7 V (Bach), Cantata 31 & Suite no 4 Lecosaldi Ensemble.

ST JOHN'S WOOD URC, Lords Roundabout, NW8: 9.30, Rev John Miller.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 11 Euch. Rev Ronald C Gibbins.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev R John Tudor.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate, SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev Dr R T Kendall.

WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins La WC2: 11. Meeting for worship.

University news

Edinburgh

The university has made the first award under the new scheme of Honorary Fellowships designed to honour people who have rendered appreciable public service to the University. The title of Honorary Fellow will be bestowed on Mrs Nansi Mansbridge, former Edinburgh District Councillor, on 13 May. Mrs Mansbridge served as the City of Edinburgh's Assessor on the University Court between 1975 and 1984 and was closely involved with the life of the University, in particular, in the field of student and welfare services.

Dr A W Duggan has been appointed to the Chair of Veterinary Pharmacology.

Heriot-Watt, Edinburgh

Dr Robert G Harrison, Reader in the Department of Physics at the university, has been appointed to a personal professorship. Dr Harrison was elected to Fellowship of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in March 1987.

Appointments:

The following have been promoted to Readerships: Dr Joseph Pfab, Chemistry; Dr A A Lacey, Mathematics; Dr K J Cornwell, Mechanical Engineering; Dr Ian Grant, Offshore Engineering.

The following Lecturers have been appointed: C M Sung, Building; Mrs Margaret Cuthbert, Business Organisation.

University of Kent at Canterbury

The following honorary degrees will be conferred at Degree Congregations to be held in Canterbury Cathedral:

July 17/18: Honorary DCL: The Right Rev Richard David Say, the Bishop of Rochester, Lord High Almoner to the Queen and Pro Chancellor of the University; Mr David Crouch, MP for Canterbury.

Honorary DSc: Professor Bernard Benjamin, Founder of the Centre for Research Insurance and Investment, the City University, and Visiting Professor, The City University; Professor S John Pirt, Professor of Microbiology and Head of the Department of Microbiology, King's College, London.

November 28: Honorary D Litt: Mr Robin Jared Stanley Howard, Director-General of the Contemporary Dance Trust; Mr Richard Erskine Frere, Director of the National Museums of Kenya.

Honorary DSc: Sir Rex Richards, Director of The Leverhulme Trust and Chancellor of Exeter University.

Salford

The University is to confer honorary degrees upon the following at Congregations in July 1987:

DSc: Mr David Hills, Divisional Chairman, Turner and Newall; Sir Austin Pearce, Chairman, British Aerospace; Mr James Martin, computer software expert; Professor Jack Pearson, Director, Ferranti Electronics; Professor Howard Rosenbrock, Professor of Control Engineering, UMIST.

MA: Mr Hugh Foulds, Chief Executive, Investors in Industry Group, Director of the Halifax Building Society; Mr Ewan MacColl, brought up in Salford, best known for song writing, folk song and collecting and anthologising folk songs, cofounded Theatre Workshop.

Southampton

The university has secured a large increase in the number and value of grants and contracts it has been awarded. In the last six months its "competed for" income rose to £7½ million — almost £2 million more than for the same period last year.

Appointments

Promotion to senior lecturer: Dr S J Shennan, Archaeology; Dr C S Gamble, Archaeology; Mr F R Stack, English; Mr W J McCann, German; Dr D A McK Freeland, Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies.

Dr P V Thorogood, Biology; Dr W Levason, Chemistry; Dr J A Robinson, Chemistry; Dr A M Gurnell, Geography; Dr D A Pinder, Geography; Dr A J Dean, Physics; Dr A I Ferguson, Physics.

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Dr P M E Figueroa, Education; Mr D C C Carson, Law; Dr M J Campbell, Medical Statistics and Computing; Dr G A Jones, Mathematics; Dr R E Craine, Mathematics.

Research Awards

Engineering Materials Sub Department: Dr G T Roberts, £123,830 from Ministry of Defence for hypersonic vehicle interference heating.

Chemistry: Dr J Robinson: £101,340 from SERC for three years studies on valine catabolism and polyether antibiotic production in streptomycetes.

Electronics: Prof Kemhadjian, Dr A Brunnschweiler, Mr J G Smith, £949,149 from SERC for silicon central microfabrication facility.

Surrey

Appointments

Mr Patrick Boulter, Consultant Surgeon at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, has been appointed Honorary Visiting Professor to the Faculty of Science.

Professor Lewis Elton has been appointed to a Chair of Higher Education at the University in recognition of his national and international pioneering work in many aspects of higher education.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next-of-kin wanted of Mrs. Alice May Williamson or Grant, deceased, who died at 7 Lovat Road, Inverness, on 24th December 1986 (daughter of the late Mr. William Williamson and Mrs. Annie Rose Fletcher or Williamson, 7 Lovat Road, Inverness). Next-of-kin, or any persons having information regarding them, are requested to communicate with Innes & Mackay, Solicitors, 19 Union Street, Inverness IV1 1PT. (Tel. 0463 (Inverness) 232273).

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Race against deadline as Eurotunnel talks reopen

By a Staff Reporter

The future of the £5.000 million Channel Tunnel project will be debated in Paris immediately after the Easter holidays.

Senior executives from British Rail, the SNCF French railway system and the Anglo-French Eurotunnel consortium responsible for *building the tunnel* will then have barely a week in which to conclude a crucial agreement on the financial, technical and operational terms for running the high-speed passenger trains and freight shuttles intended to link Britain and the Continent.

Without a firm deal by the end of the month, Eurotunnel claims it will be impossible to secure the bank guarantees essential to raising an additional £75 million from its increasingly edgy investors in *June*.

But despite what it acknowledges as serious disagreements with Eurotunnel over precise operating conditions when and if the tunnel link opens in 1993, British Rail yesterday rejected newspaper reports that the project was on the brink of collapse.

"We want the Tunnel as much as anybody and we are confident that agreement can be reached within the timescale", a spokesman told *The Times*. He also denied that technical problems associated with British Rail's interest in running its passenger trains at speeds of 125 mph rather than the 100 mph originally set out, *presented any serious obstacle* to clinching a final agreement.

Similarly guarded optimism was expressed by a Eurotunnel spokesman in Paris yesterday. Failure to meet the April 30 deadline for a rail accord would delay the project, he conceded, but "that would not pose a long-term threat to its future".

It is clear, however, that the seemingly ill-fated Chunnel link encountered further serious difficulty only two weeks after Eurotunnel postponed plans to offer the public £750 million worth of shares in the project next July. On the one *hand, there are sharp* divisions between BR and its French counterpart and the aggressive new management of the British end of Eurotunnel in the shape of the recently appointed co-chairman Mr Alastair Morton.

Each side is now accusing the other of seeking to change vital sections of the agreement that was signed over a year ago. According to highly-placed BR sources, Mr Morton is intent on "trying to screw more cash out of the *railways*".

Eurotunnel sources insist that the railways' attempts to vary some of the operating conditions previously agreed by all parties is responsible for the present impasse.

There have also been suggestions that the French government is becoming increasingly vexed about what is sees as the "penny pinching" and generally negative attitude of the British Government towards British Rail's participation in the project.

Although Downing Street has been an enthusiastic supporter of the undertaking, Mrs Thatcher has made it clear that no public money will be going into it.

That has given rise to fears on the other side of the Channel that British Rail, facing government pressure to cut back on spending, may lack the funds to maximize the rail potential of the tunnel, especially for freight traffic.

British Rail indignantly rejects the suggestion. One senior executive closely linked with the project told *The Times* yesterday that "the French don't seem to understand what the hell we are doing over here".

British Rail was, in fact, becoming more efficient in every respect, he insisted.

Diplomacy set to save Russian steam engine

By Nicholas Beeston

An ancient Russian steam engine which faces certain extinction in the Soviet Union *may become the latest* immigrant to benefit from the unlikely combination of Mr Gorbachov's *glasnost* and British eccentricity.

The plight of the locomotive was raised during a banquet in Moscow during Mrs Thatcher's visit, when the problems of arms control and the Soviet record on human rights were put aside briefly for the sake of the P36 engine.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, who is reputedly a railway enthusiast, turned to Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, his Soviet counterpart, and asked if he could have one of his steam engines.

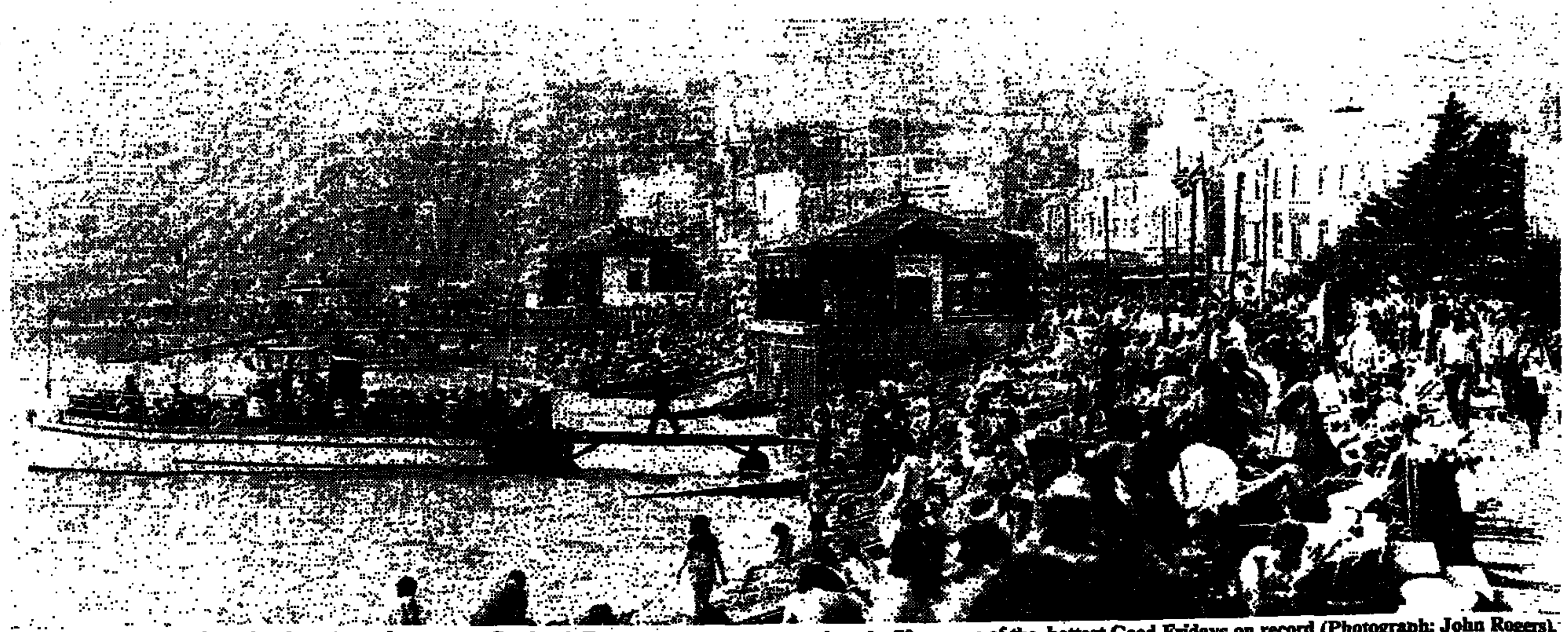
Although diplomats said the Soviet minister had clearly "not been briefed" to reply to the request, he has promised *to look into the matter.*

The P36 steam locomotive, which once proudly chugged along the Trans-Siberian railway, was the mainstay of the Soviet passenger service in the 1950s.

But now only an estimated 80 remain and according to Mr Michael Harris, the editor of *Railway World* magazine, who instigated the campaign to save the locomotive, the ageing engines will all be scrapped by the end of this year.

The engine has a four-eight-four wheel arrangement but because of the larger gauge size of Russian trains a special track would have to be built for it in Britain.

Britain basks in Good Friday sunshine



Crowds throng the seafront, but few take to the water, at Southend, Essex, as temperatures rose into the 70s on one of the hottest Good Fridays on record (Photograph: John Rogers).

Record number of shops open for a busy holiday

By Mark Ellis

A record number of shops open on a Good Friday enjoyed brisk trading yesterday and traditional Bank Holiday traffic jams caused delays on Britain's holiday routes as soaring temperatures lured thousands to the coast.

South coast resorts reported one of the busiest Good Fridays for more than a decade, although the best of the day's weather was inland. However, weather forecasters predict a *cooler weekend with* temperatures picking up again on Easter Monday.

"Many resorts are confidently expecting their best Easter for 10 years", the South East Tourist Board said.

With many shops and stores reported open for the Bank Holiday, the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers (USDAW) urged workers to insist on being paid double or treble time with an extra day off.

A spokesman said: "Because holiday opening has grown a lot this year we will be monitoring the response from our 400,000 members. We are concerned about the extension of opening hours when most shop workers would like to be at home with their families."

Chain store managements *and retailers' organizations* say the Bank Holiday workers are volunteers, but the union claims that low paid workers face undue pressure to work on *Bank Holidays.*

In London's West End, many chain stores were open for the capital's first big tourist weekend of the season. Other shops throughout Britain said it was commercially worthwhile opening and some had done so for the last two or three years.

The Confederation of British Industry predicts a particularly good Easter for clothes shops and do-it-yourself stores after disappointing trading earlier this year.

***London and Bristol enjoyed* their warmest Good Fridays since records started in 1940. The capital *basked in 22.6C* (73F)and Bristol enjoyed 21.5C (71F).**

Most Channel resorts were cooled by sea winds which kept temperatures as much as 10F below places only a few miles *inland. Eastern regions* will stay dry and warm today, but it will turn cooler everywhere tomorrow with a risk of showers.

***Motoring organizations* reported increased traffic in the Lake District, Blackpool and on the M25 London orbital motorway. In the South-east, the M25 was brought to a virtual standstill along a 15-mile stretch between Leatherhead and Staines, Surrey, while in the West motorists queued for four miles to cross the Severn Bridge.**

Delays occurred on the M4 and M5 in Somerset and Avon. Traffic bound for Blackpool, Lancashire, caused congestion on the M61 and M55 at junctions with the M6.

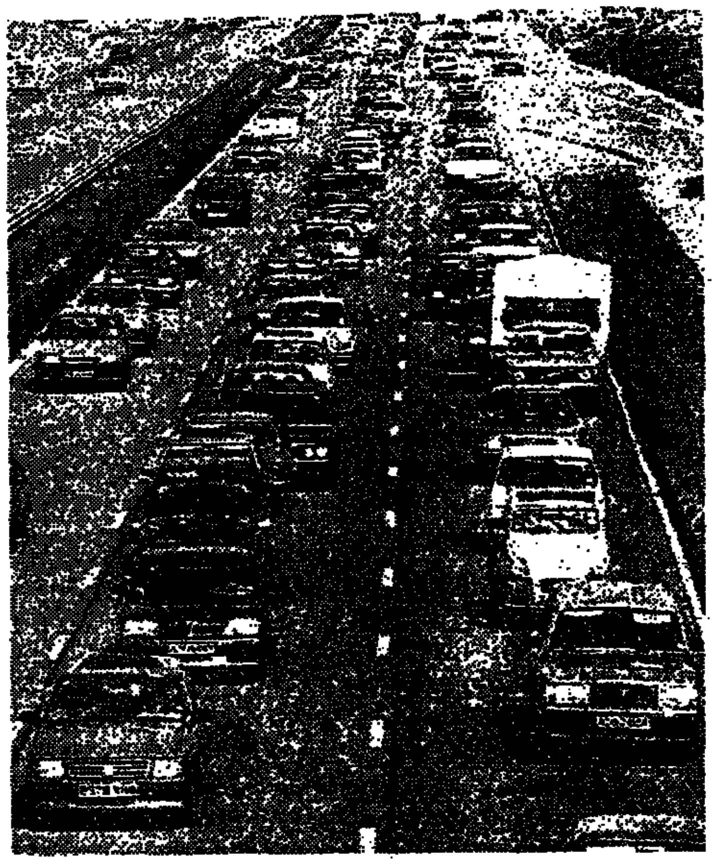
Queues to resorts in Essex and Lincolnshire were reported and the M1 was snarled by 10 miles of slow-moving northbound traffic through Hertfordshire.

The Automobile Association blamed motorists driving too fast and too close for many of the spate of minor accidents causing traffic to grind to a halt, even though most roadworks have been suspended for the holiday.

The driver of a three-wheeled car was burned to death when his car crashed on a dual carriageway between Ashington and Worthing, near the Sussex coast.

In Dublin, the driver of a bread van was killed and 12 people were injured in an accident with a double-decker bus and an articulated lorry. At Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, a man, aged 64, died when his car ran off the road.

Mr Bill Butcher, aged 70, with Elizabeth Snow, aged eight, in a revival of the Cambridge custom of skipping for love on Parker's Piece



Traffic banked up on the M5 southbound near Bridgwater, Somerset. Delays were reported on roads heading for coastal resorts throughout Britain (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

Trade war looms over US tariffs on Japan

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The United States and Japan headed for their worst confrontation of the postwar period yesterday as President Reagan prepared to impose 100 per cent tariffs on Japanese imports against strong objections by the Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone.

After week-long negotiations, the two nations were unable to resolve differences over a US allegation that Japan had failed to honour an important trade agreement on computer microchips.

Declaring its political patience at an end, Mr Howard Baker, the White House Chief of Staff, said: "We do not want a trade war but neither do we want to be the patsy."

Earlier, Mr Makota Kuroda, vice-chief of the Ministry of *International Trade and Industry*, described the tariffs as an assault on Japan's honour.

Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, referring to the economic distortions caused by the trade imbalance with Japan, said relations between the two had reached "a watershed". Although the $300 million (£184 million) in tariffs represent only a small portion of US-Japan trade, they are regarded as a strong censure of Japan's closed-door policies

The Reagan Administration said the tariffs would cover electronics products: computers, television sets, power tools and photographic film among others. Faced with rising national concern over the record $170 billion trade deficit, it was seeking to force *Japan to open its markets*

Thatcher plans swift move on nurses' pay

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ity of the coming decision in the light of the "extravagant" promises being made by the Opposition.

Ministers were united in arguing that if any "throttling back" should prove necessary, the brunt should be born by the top people whose increases of up to 46 per cent led to 100 Tory MPs rebelling against the Government in the Commons two years ago.

In the last two years the Government *has failed* to implement fully the recommendations for nurses and midwives by staging the award.

In 1985 the review body recommended an increase of 8.6 per cent but the Government implemented the full amount only in the last two months of the year, effectively reducing the rise to 5.6 per cent.

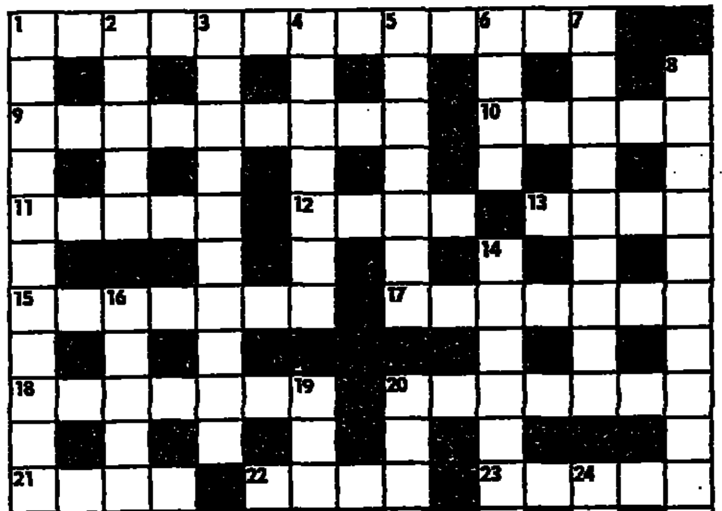
In 1986 the Government delayed implementing a 7.8 per cent award until July *so that nurses received a pay* rise in line with other NHS workers, of 5.9 per cent.

Mr Trevor Clay, general secretary of the Royal College *of Nursing, has called for an* extra £1,000 a nurse, representing a pay rise of 17 per cent, at a cost of £500 million.

However the review body *is* unlikely to recommend an increase well above last year's award. It is expected to suggest rises of between 6 to 8 per *cent.*

A newly qualified staff nurse starts at a salary of £6,475, after three years of training, progressing to £7,750 after a further five years.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,334



ACROSS
- 1 Top part of tree magnificent, as Walton noted in March (5.8).
- 9 Bearing left in unusually even race (9).
- 10 Card is a joker? (5).
- 11 One making notes for Teacher without thanks (5).
- 12 Bear didn't begin the destruction (4).
- 13 Cried quietly in the rain (4).
- 15 Grace, giving an instant right impression (7).
- 17 Could it make me rich? A fanciful idea! (7).
- 18 Eight notes, then a semitone: that's unequally balanced for the triangle (7).
- 20 Was terrified of looking like a Rastafarian? (7).
- 21 He helps in the rise of a comedian (4).
- 22 Smack on the wrist (4).
- 23 Where one comes to get bronzed? (5).
- 26 Honours even at first all round (5).
- 27 Bright idea, worth an alpha maybe? (9).
- 28 Galahad took this investment, very risky (5.8).

DOWN
- 1 Holiday with girl for a song at the year-end (9.5).
- 2 It may be a little snowy (5).
- 3 Emphatic refusal of credit by word of mouth? (5.5).
- 4 Pots of money are hidden inside a tower (7).
- 5 Lamb trapped, for example, and caught — how sad (7).
- 6 In Athens, I make a very small amount (4).
- 7 How US responded to all English needs in the wars (5-4).
- 8 Sinister condition of Communist help sensed to be wrong (14).
- 14 Not in favour of supporting mixed-up titled amateurs (10).
- 16 Write new directions for study on costume (9).
- 19 Just loses it to get even (7).
- 20 Let down by puncture (7).
- 24 I'm a success as a perfect butterfly (5).
- 25 Dole out food, we hear (4).

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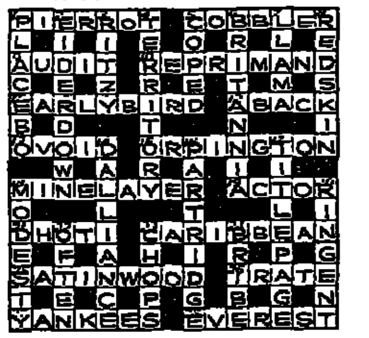

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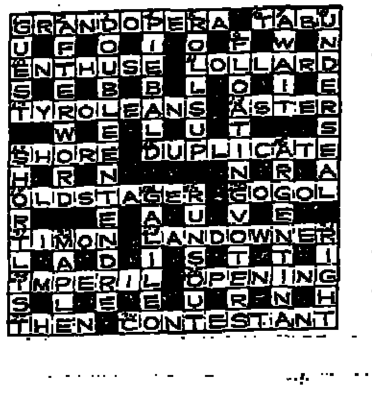

A prize of The Times Concise Atlas of the World *will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.*

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: D G Grigson, Fairview, Cousley Wood, Wadhurst, E Sussex; Mrs D Hall, Greystones, Trenidland, Liskeard, Cornwall; Mrs D A Clarke, 84 Woodhill, Woolwich; J McClement, 80 Greenlees Road, Cambuslang, Glasgow; M Duffy, 3 Hope Cottages, Mountpleasant, Bracknell.

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WEATHER

General situation: Most places will start off sunny although some overnight fog will linger awhile in places. Much of Scotland, along with Eastern and Central England will have dry and sunny weather all day, with the threat of isolated showers towards evening. Outlook for Easter Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday: Sunshine and showers in most areas, cooler than of late.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	17	63	Madrid	s	16	61
Akrotiri	f	18	64	Majorca	s	19	66
Alex'dria	f	18	64	Malaga	f	17	63
Algiers	s	19	66	Malta	s	17	63
Amst'dm	c	12	54	Melb'rne	f	16	61
Athens	c	10	50	Mexico C*	f	24	75
Bahrain	s	31	88	Miami*	f	26	79
Barbads*	s	29	84	Milan	s	16	61
Barcelna	s	17	63	Montreal*	s	19	66
Belgrade	s	13	55	Moscow	c	9	48
Berlin	c	12	54	Munich	f	13	55
Bermuda*	s	21	70	Nairobi	c	27	81
Biarritz	s	23	73	Naples	c	15	59
Borde'x	s	21	70	N Delhi	s	33	91
Brussels	c	14	57	N York*	c	9	48
Budapst	f	12	54	Nice	s	16	61
B Aires*	c	20	68	Oslo	f	13	55
Cairo	s	25	77	Paris	s	18	64
Cape Tn	s	23	73	Peking	s	18	64
C'blanca	c	21	70	Perth	s	31	88
Chicago*	f	14	57	Prague	c	9	48
Ch'church	c	13	55	Reykjvik	c	4	39
Cologne	c	13	55	Rhodes	s	17	63
C'phagn	f	11	52	Rio de J	s	29	84
Corfu	s	18	64	Riyadh	s	37	99
Dublin	c	14	57	Rome	s	17	63
Dubrovnik	c	16	61	Salzburg	c	12	54
Faro	c	19	66	S F'risco*	s	20	68
Florence	s	20	68	Santiago*	c	19	66
Frankfurt	c	12	54	S Paulo*	s	30	86
Funchal	c	19	66	Seoul	s	19	65
Geneva	s	14	57	Sing'por	f	32	90
Gibraltar	f	17	63	St'kholm	f	11	52
Helsinki	s	11	52	Strasb'rg	s	16	61
Hong K	c	21	70	Sydney	r	18	64
Innsbrck	f	13	55	Tangier	f	19	66

* denotes Thursday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	-	15	59	dull
Bridlington	0.2	-	12	54	cloudy
Cromer	5.0	-	13	55	sunny
Lowestoft	4.9	-	17	63	sunny
Clacton	0.3	-	13	55	cloudy
Southend	2.5	-	15	59	bright
Margate		-	14	57	dull
Folkestone	6.6	-	15	59	sunny
Hastings					
Eastbourne	4.3	-	8	46	sunny
Brighton	4.5	-	12	54	fog
Worthing	1.5	-	8	46	fog
Littlehmptn	4.2	-	10	50	sunny
Bognor R	1.6	-	7	45	fog
Southsea	3.9	-	8	46	fog
Sandown					fog
Shanklin	2.3	-	8	46	fog
Bournemth	1.1	-	9	48	fog
Poole	6.4	-	12	54	fog
Swanage	0.7	-	7	45	fog
Weymouth	0.4	-	14	57	fog
Exmouth	1.5	-	9	48	fog
Teignmouth					
Torquay	1.2	-	9	48	fog
Falmouth		-	9	48	fog
Penzance	9.5	-	13	55	sunny
Scilly Isles	1.5	-	10	50	fog
Jersey	12.3	-	17	63	sunny
Guernsey	7.8	-	14	57	sunny
Newquay	9.6	-	14	57	sunny
Ilfracombe		-	12	54	sunny
Minehead	6.3	-	16	61	sunny
B'pool Airpt	5.3	-	15	59	sunny
Morecambe	2.2	-	13	55	bright
Douglas	1.0	-	12	54	bright
Glasgow	10.1	-	14	57	sunny
Kinloss	3.3	-	13	55	bright
Lerwick	1.3	.09	9	48	shower
Prestwick	4.2	-	11	52	sunny

These are Thursday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.13	7.1	5.38	6.8	London Bridge	5.59	6.8	6.22	6.4
Aberdeen	4.43	3.9	5.13	4.0	Aberdeen	5.31	3.8	6.16	3.7
Avonmouth	10.46	12.4	11.07	11.9	Avonmouth	11.33	11.4	11.55	10.9
Belfast	2.20	3.3	2.54	3.3	Belfast	3.09	3.3	3.50	3.2
Cardiff	10.33	11.4	10.52	11.0	Cardiff	11.18	10.6	11.40	10.2
Devonport	9.18	5.1	9.32	5.1	Devonport	9.59	4.8	10.15	4.8
Dover	2.09	6.3	2.35	6.2	Dover	2.55	6.0	3.27	5.9
Falmouth	8.48	4.9	9.02	4.9	Falmouth	9.29	4.8	9.45	4.6
Glasgow	4.07	4.8	4.28	4.8	Glasgow	4.46	4.8	5.15	4.7
Harwich	3.12	3.9	3.34	3.7	Harwich	3.54	3.8	4.15	3.5
Holyhead	1.32	5.4	1.57	5.3	Holyhead	2.20	5.2	2.52	4.9
Hull	9.46	7.0	10.11	6.9	Hull	10.29	6.7	11.04	6.5
Ilfracombe	9.29	8.7	9.50	8.5	Ilfracombe	10.12	8.1	10.36	7.9
Leith	6.02	5.2	6.34	5.2	Leith	6.51	4.9	7.32	4.9
Liverpool	2.31	9.1	2.52	8.9	Liverpool	3.15	8.8	3.43	8.4
Lowestoft	12.44	2.4	1.04	2.3	Lowestoft	1.32	2.3	1.46	2.2
Margate	3.11	4.8	3.42	4.5	Margate	3.58	4.6	4.28	4.3
Milford Haven	9.46	6.6	10.07	6.5	Milford Haven	10.32	6.2	10.57	6.1
Newquay	8.38	6.7	9.00	6.5	Newquay	9.26	6.2	9.52	6.1
Oban	8.00	3.6	9.25	3.6	Oban	9.43	3.3	10.13	3.3
Penzance	8.22	5.2	8.37	5.2	Penzance	9.06	4.8	9.23	4.8
Portland	10.31	1.8	10.50	1.8	Portland	11.06	1.6	11.25	1.6
Portsmouth	2.48	4.5	3.19	4.4	Portsmouth	3.32	4.3	4.10	4.1
Shoreham	2.26	6.1	2.54	5.9	Shoreham	3.08	5.8	3.41	5.8
Southampton	2.07	4.4	2.35	4.3	Southampton	2.54	4.3	3.32	4.1
Swansea	9.50	9.1	10.10	8.9	Swansea	10.35	8.5	11.00	8.2
Tees	7.08	5.1	7.38	5.0	Tees	7.57	4.8	8.38	4.7
W'ton-on-Nze	3.05	4.2	3.26	3.9	W'ton-on-Nze	3.49	4.0	4.08	3.8

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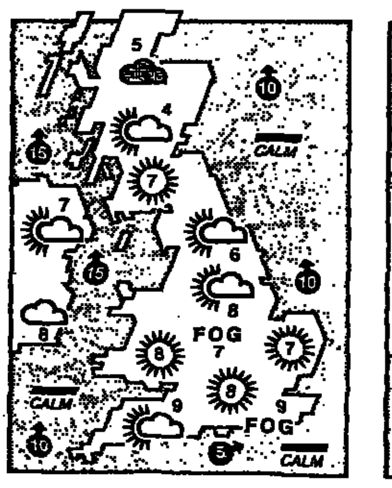

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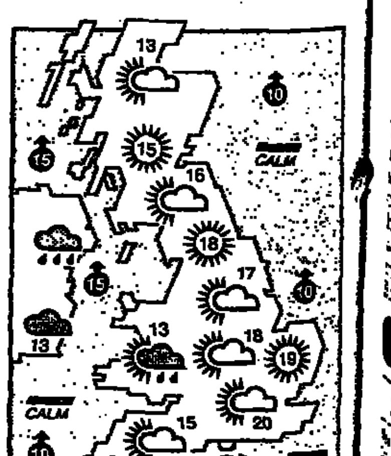


LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY
London 8.31 pm to 5.28 am
Bristol 8.41 pm to 5.38 am
Edinburgh 8.54 pm to 5.29 am
Manchester 8.44 pm to 5.32 am
Penzance 8.50 pm to 5.52 am

TOMORROW
London 8.33 pm to 5.26 am
Bristol 8.43 pm to 5.35 am
Edinburgh 8.57 pm to 5.27 am
Manchester 8.46 pm to 5.29 am
Penzance 8.52 pm to 5.50 am

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: ; lowest day max: ; highest rainfall: in, highest sunshine: hr.

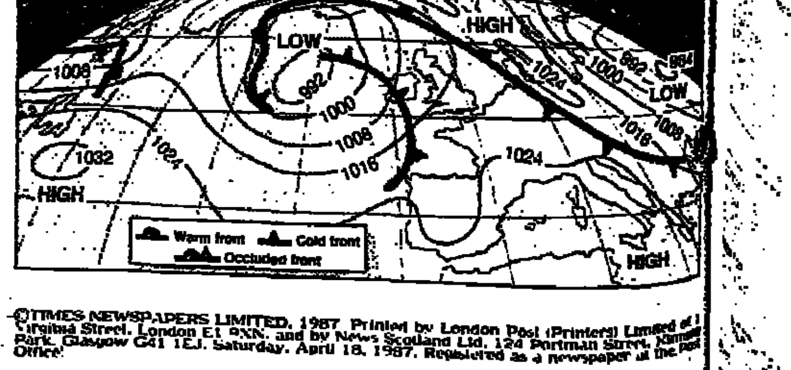
YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	16	61	Guernsey	s	17	63
B'rngham	s	18	64	Inverness	s	9	48
Blackpool	s	19	66	Jersey	s	20	68
Bristol	s	19	66	London	s	21	70
Cardiff	s	18	64	M'nchster	s	19	66
Edinburgh	s	11	52	Newcastle	s	16	61
Glasgow	s	16	61	R'nldsway	s	11	52

TODAY
Sun rises: 6.00 am
Sun sets: 8.01 pm
Moon rises: 1.14 am
Moon sets: 7.52 am
Last Quarter April 20

TOMORROW
Sun rises: 5.58 am
Sun sets: 8.03 pm
Moon rises: 2.25 am
Moon sets: 8.54 am
Last Quarter tomorrow



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STOCK MARKET

(Change on week)

FT 30 Share
1540.3 (+16.5)

FT-SE 100
1949.4 (+12.7)

Bargains
31735 (39100)

USM (Datastream)
163.12 (–0.74)

THE POUND

(Change on week)

US dollar
1.6300 (+0.0025)

W German mark
2.9511 (+0.0102)

Trade-weighted
72.4 (+0.3)

Disposable lighters inquiry call

The Bic corporation has announced that it had 42 lawsuits outstanding against it on behalf of people burned or killed by fires caused by malfunctioning disposable lighters. The statement came a day after Democratic representative Mr James Florio of New Jersey said he planned an investigation into the throw-away lighters.

Mr Bruno Bich, the company president, said he welcomed "an examination of the safety of Bic lighters. We are convinced that we can demonstrate that a malfunction of a Bic lighter has never caused the death of anyone."

Several of the pending law suits allege that the lighters exploded while they were being carried and not used. Bic did not say whether the law suits were limited to the US or whether Europe and other countries were included.

Inflation up in OECD states

Consumer prices in the countries of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) rose 0.3 per cent in February and inflation rose to 2.4 per cent year-on-year. The OECD attributed the rise in consumer prices to the effects of the February 1986 drop in energy prices working their way out of the index. Among the leading seven industrial countries, consumer price inflation was highest in Italy at 4.2 per cent, followed by Canada at 4.0 per cent, Britain at 3.9 per cent, France at 3.4 per cent, US at 2.1 per cent and West Germany and Japan with negative rates of 0.5 per cent and 1.4 per cent respectively.

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City code

PRONED, the organization for fostering the idea of non-executive directors on British company boards, will next week announce a code of practice for the City that foresees a greater role for the independent board members.

French offer

The French Economics Minister, M Edouard Balladur, has set the price for a public offering of shares in Banque Industrielle et Mobiliere Priveé (Bimp) at Fr140 (£14) a share. The price would value Bimp's stock at Fr352 million.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2275.99 (–6.96)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	23938.35 (+69.92)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2721.12 (+27.50)
Amsterdam: Gen	286.0 (+4.2)
Sydney: AO	1765.2 (+0.5)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1809.9 (+1.0)
Brussels:	
General	4534.96 (+28.55)
Paris: CAC	n/a
Zurich: SKA Gen	533.50 (+2.4)
London: FT. A	979.12 (+12.14)
FT. Gilts	90.36 (+0.47)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10%
3-month interbank 9$\frac{15}{16}$-9⅞%
3-month eligible bills: 9$\frac{9}{16}$-9½% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7¾%
Federal Funds 6⅝%
3-month Treasury Bills 5.58-5.57%
30-year bonds 91$\frac{13}{16}$-91$\frac{27}{32}$

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6300	£: $1.6315
£: DM2.9511	$: DM1.8100
£: SwFr2.4369	$: SwFr1.4945
£: FFr9.8248	$: FFr6.0215
£: Yen232.85	$: Yen143.00
£: Index:72.4	$: Index:101.1
ECU £0.703205	SDR £0.793973

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $441.00 pm-$437.75
close $439.00-439.50 (£269.50-270.00)
New York:
Comex $443.70-444.20

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (May) ... $17.90 bbl-($17.72)

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Exports to lift UK economy

Forecast sees fastest growth in Europe

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Contrasting news on jobs comes in two economic forecasts, published today. One says exports will boost economic growth while the other gives warning that profit-related pay will add to unemployment rather than reduce it.

Britain is beating West Germany at its own game, with export-led growth the fastest in Europe this year, according to the forecast from Wharton Econometric Forecasting Associates (WEFA). It predicts 3 per cent growth for Britain this year, pulled along by a 4.3 per cent expansion in export volumes that will exceed the 3.9 per cent rise in imports.

West Germany, meanwhile, is predicted to suffer from a 0.5 per cent drop in exports this year, and growth of only 2 per cent.

"The UK is likely to be the fastest-growing European economy in 1987, as Germany is hit by the appreciation of the mark," says Ms Bridget Rosewell, chief economist at WEFA.

But she says it would be dangerous for the Chancellor to allow the pound to rise much more. "The exporters' bubble of confidence could still be broken if sterling resumes the upward movement started after the Budget."

The forecast assumes a steady fall in sterling's average value. In spite of the export boom, the current account is expected to be in deficit by £1.9 billion this year, and to remain in deficit for the rest of the decade.

Initially, this is because of the effect of the pound's lower level on import costs.

The Wharton *World Economic Outlook* is distinctly gloomier about prospects. Stagnation in the industrial countries has become more likely, the assessment says, with growth this year less than 2.5 per cent.

"Weak export markets, especially in oil and commodity exporting countries, have dampened prospects for Japan and Western Europe," the *Outlook* says. "Until recently, the United States was the trade locomotive. Now, under pressure to reduce both its trade and budget deficits, it can no longer be viewed as the importer of last resort."

The Government's profit-related pay scheme is unlikely to reduce unemployment or change wage behaviour, according to a paper in the journal *Economic Policy*, which concludes that linking pay to profits will not encourage companies to hire more workers.

The authors, Mr Saul Estrin, Mr Paul Grout and Mr Sushil Wadhwani, say there is no evidence that companies will switch their focus to the fixed element of the pay bill in making decisions on hiring.

Professor Martin Weitzman, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has argued that greater employment will result from profit-sharing, because companies will take on more workers when the fixed element of their pay bill is reduced.

But the *Economic Policy* paper says the evidence is that the total pay bill will remain the determinant of employment, and that there is evidence total pay could rise as a result of profit-related pay.

In addition, the authors say, comparison with Japan suggest wage and price behaviour is not greatly affected by linking pay to profits.

The paper concludes that a better way of securing an improved productivity performance from workers would be to link pay more closely to the performance of individuals.

Since details of profit-related pay were announced in the Budget, more than 2,500 companies have expressed an interest in setting up such a scheme.

The Chancellor said in the Budget: "Profit-related pay is no panacea. But then, there are no panaceas. What it is is a tool to help British business gradually to overcome one of our biggest national handicaps: the nature and behaviour of our labour market."

Japanese trade

Slow progress for C&W

From David Watts, Tokyo

The Japanese government has hinted at a further concession to Cable and Wireless in its attempt to break into the Tokyo international telecommunications market.

Mr Shunjiro Karasawa, the Minister of Post and Telecommunications, told a cabinet meeting he would "welcome" the idea of the new trans-Pacific telecommunications cable being proposed by C&W if an application were put forward by a new unified telecommunications company.

Attempts to unify the two competing consortia made little progress at the first exploratory meeting on Wednesday and no date for the next meeting has been set but the minister is giving the appearance of yielding to another C&W demand. Whether the unified company would make such a request remains open

The signal comes just before Mr Shintaro Abe, chairman of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's general council, is due to begin a visit to Washington

A spokesman for International Digital Communications, of which C&W is a part, said: "I'm not very impressed, but it's a small step in the right direction."

Howe out to lower tension

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, is expected to discuss ways of dealing with the problem of Japanese trade imbalances when he visits Australia, New Zealand, and Thailand next week.

But in his meetings he is likely to seek to lower the temperature of international outrage at Tokyo's trading policies, while concentrating on the "nuts and bolts" of opening the Japanese market

Sir Geoffrey won EEC backing last week for a fresh look at how to open up Japan and probably helped galvanize the EEC into action against Japan on alleged dumping of computer printers and the US-Japanese pricing pact on semiconductors.

Howe: 'nuts and bolts' of opening up Japan's markets

US tariffs anger and baffle Tokyo

From Our Correspondent, Tokyo

Washington's imposition of penalty duties on imports from Japan for the alleged dumping of semiconductors has angered the authorities in Tokyo and baffled Japanese industry.

The American action is seen as punishment for failing to uphold commitments which were never made.

The semiconductor industry here is surprised that the US Administration is taking political action to try to rectify what is clearly a technical problem — the uncompetitive performance of American semiconductor makers, a principal cause of what now threatens to be trade warfare on a broad scale.

Fundamental to the problem is that the Japanese industry is consumer-driven — the computer chip in the compact disc player today will be in a missile tomorrow, not the other way around.

In the US, the military, originally an important player, now constitutes only 10 per cent of the home market, dealing with small, specialist companies who do not generate big enough sales to provide the capital to make the successive leaps from the production of one chip to the next. The result is that commercial US manufacturers are now struggling to keep up with equipment that is old by Japanese standards.

Today, preparation of production lines for the change from 265K Dynamic Random Access Memory (Dram) chips to the one-megabit chips costs about $100 million. Japanese companies annually spend 100 per cent more than their American counterparts on semi-automated plant technology.

The result is that Japanese companies have 90 per cent of the US market in 256K Dram chips, the current best-seller, and will completely dominate the next stage, the one-megabit chip, capable of storing one million bits of information, in the commercial market.

The US military takes a year to develop a specification for a chip application but in Japan the semiconductor market is changing by the month. One Japanese firm has announced the four-megabit chip and expects to have it in production in two years.

The real concern of the American military and government is Japan's grip on the 256K Dram and one-megabit gallium arsenide chips.

Seasonal boom for chocolate sales

Easter eggs roll out a profit

By Colin Narbrough

Easter eggs mean far more than a traditional springtime delight for the children. For the confectionery trade they form a major, and growing part of sales, rivalled only by Christmas trade.

Magna Foods, a Shropshire-based specialist maker of chocolate eggs, reports sales up 10 per cent this year in value terms, both on its own brand-name goods and on eggs made for the high street chains and confectionery groups.

At Cadbury-Schweppes the message is even more bullish. Sales of Cadbury Easter eggs are "booming." Its British sales volume is up by 15 per cent — the highest level since 1983 — despite a 3 per cent decline in the overall confectionery market since last year and flat outlook this year.

Sales of its "creme eggs," backed up by its seasonal strategy, have risen 14 per cent. These eggs are sold well before the usual egg-marketing period that starts around Mother's Day, effectively extending the season back to New Year.

But British sales are not the whole picture. Cadbury can claim big growth in sales Down Under, and even a 60 per cent leap in South Africa. But not everyone in the business is claiming such success, according to the trade association, the Biscuit, Cake, Chocolate and Confectionery Alliance.

An association spokeswoman said people are not eating more eggs, but are buying more expensive types of egg. The £100 million trade in "chocolate novelties," in the three months to Easter represents about 3 to 4 per cent in value terms of total confectionery sales for the year. The chocolate sold is put at 14,500 tonnes.

Volume demand has been fairly stable throughout the 1980s and there appears to be little prospect of a surge in consumption, or of an export boom. But one encouraging trend is the switch in consumer taste away from sugar-based confectionery and towards chocolate.

Easter trade is estimated to provide Cadbury, which almost exclusively produces chocolate goods, with about 8 per cent of its earnings, on par with its Yuletide sales. And egg sales are regarded as "very relevent" to its end-of-year results. For sugar-based confectionery makers, Easter is less important.

Some producers, such as Mars, use Easter as a vehicle for other year-round products, boosting sales without much additional costs. As with Christmas presents, Easter eggs are regarded as a gift, and as such provide an ideal vehicle for adding value on packaging and design.

The improved sales reported may also reflect greater stress on products displaying comic or cartoon figures. Easter egg advertising has also become more competitive.

Peter Trevnor

Tor Stangeland, captain of the largest passenger ship, toasts an international operation

An international Sovereign

The world's largest passenger liner, floated this month, is a truly international operation — Norwegian-owned, built in France, based in Miami for cruising the Caribbean, under a captain who lives in Norfolk.

The Royal Caribbean Line, one of Norway's largest cruise ship operators, entered the record books when the Sovereign of the Seas was floated at St Nazaire in France, where she is being built. Her captain, Norwegian-born Tor Stangeland, who lives in Swaffham, Norfolk, was on the quayside to toast the occasion.

The ship will accommodate 2,276 passengers in 1,138 cabins on 12 decks, and is expected to enter service early next year, when she will be based in Miami, and offer seven day cruises to the eastern Caribbean.

The $183 million (£110 million) vessel is being financed by the French shipyard, Chantiers de L'Atlantique, and a consortium of banks led by the Norwegian subsidiary of the Manufacturers Trust.

Although the Sovereign of the Seas, at 70,000 tons is about 3,000 tons heavier than Britain's QE2, it is 100 feet shorter, but has room for about 400 more passengers.

Engineers had to overcome unusual structural problems to build a cantilever bar built 12 stories above sea level around the funnel.

Investors charged in $3.5bn 'swindle'

– From A Correspondent New York

Investigators in New York uncovered a swindle involving allegedly fraudulent Indonesian government promissory notes with a face value of $3.5 billion (£2.15 billion).

US secret service officials say the kingpin of the scheme, Hassan Zubaidi, is a Palestinian living in Syria. He is also wanted in Britain and West Germany in connection with an international investigation into fraudulent loans.

He was not charged with any crime in New York because, officials said, the Manhattan District Attorney's office has no jurisdiction abroad.

However, five European investors were charged and could face 15 years in jail. They are Erich Gaeckler, aged 53, of Munich; Hubert Thierry, aged 51, of Marseille, and Richard Semper, aged 36, of Paris; and Odd Bergem, aged 53, and Dag Moller, aged 29, both Norwegians.

The five were caught out after they tried to sell 640 million dollars of the notes to an undercover New York detective. "In dollar amounts it's staggering," said Richard Ward, a special agent with the secret service. "But its really just a big scam."

A lawyer for one of the defendants said that at issue was how much the Indonesian government knew about the existence of the notes.

A spokesman for the embassy in Washington said the notes were not issued by the Indonesian government. But the lawyer maintains that his client believed that the government tacitly approved the notes as a means of getting round a borrowing restriction imposed by the International Monetary Fund.

Britoil sifts buyers for US assets

By Our Energy Correspondent

Staff at Britoil's Glasgow headquarters will begin processing applications for the purchase of the company's assets in the United States next week as part of a move to raise cash to finance an ambitious expansion programme in other parts of the world.

The US assets, built up since 1983, have been on the market for six months. The company set this Monday as a deadline for applications and said the assets should be sold as a complete package with the buyer keeping on the 20 Britoil staff based in Houston.

A Britoil spokesman said "substantial" offers had been received. He re-emphasised the assets were not being sold as part of a distress sale and that the company was prepared to wait for a realistic offer.

The assets, which cover 23 square kilometres (36.8 square miles) off the coast of Louisiana and 142 square kilometres onshore, produce 2,200 barrels of oil and gas liquids a day and 21 million cubic feet of natural gas.

They were acquired from three US companies over three years and cost $160 million (£98,7 million).

Britoil, which has 25 per cent of its shares held in North America, has switched its attention to Egypt, Ecuador, India and Angola.

Last week Mr David Walker, the chief executive, said in Indonesia that the company would be interested in acquiring acreage there.

Switch threat on gas pricing

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Sheffield Forgemasters, one of Britain's largest users of gas, is planning to switch to using alternative supplies and to make official complaints against British Gas after a dispute over prices and supplies which at one point threatened 2,000 jobs.

The company, which produces large components for the electricity-generating and defence industries, will seek planning permission next week to install a system using liquified petroleum gas (LPG) to replace its annual £6 million of purchases from British Gas.

The company estimates that it can recoup the costs of the conversion to LPG within a year and said a leading oil company had agreed to a supply contract for a period of 10 years which undercut British Gas's price.

The move is the culmination of a dispute between the company and British Gas which also led to Sheffield Foregemasters drawing up a formal complaint to the Monopolies Commission, the Office of Fair Trading and the EEC under Article 86 of the Treaty of Rome.

The complaints allege unfair pricing policy, anti-competitive restrictions and destabilizing negotiating techniques.

Other leading industrial gas users in the area are also considering joining Sheffield Forgemasters in reaching an agreement with one of the oil companies producing gas from the North Sea. This would lead to a privately-owned gas network in the area.

The oil company involved estimates the project could be completed in three years and has offered 10-year gas contracts priced 30 per cent lower than that being asked by British Gas.

Mr Phillip Wright, the group managing director of Sheffield Forgemasters, said: "I simply can't run a business on the basis British Gas are trying to impose on me. Our business is turning over £100 million a year. We spend £6 million a year on gas and I don't know how much I am going to be charged a therm for gas in July.

"I finally lost patience with British Gas and refused to pay a portion of a bill which I considered to be over the odds. They responded by threatening to cut off our supply. Over 2,000 jobs would have been on the line."

The company plans to buy shares in British Gas to put forward motions for debate at the annual meeting of British Gas on August 27.

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Income & Growth	+78.7	10th
UK	+75.9	47th
Practical	+71.8	1st
Japan	+70.7	26th
High Income	+58.1	13th
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Sunleigh details its £12m Dale bid

Mr Tony Merryweather, chairman of Sunleigh Electronics, has despatched his offer document to shareholders in Dale Electric International.

The £12.2 million takeover bid has been dubbed as "ludicrous," by Dale.

The document points out Dale shares have fallen from a peak of 192p in 1978-79 to 64p before the bid. Profits have fallen from £3.3 million to £961,000 in the same period.

"Even if Dale makes £1 million and faces a full 35 per cent tax charge, our 12-for-five terms value their shares at 20 times earnings." Mr Merryweather said.

Since Sunleigh bought three businesses from FKI Electricals, last year, in return for a 24.6 per cent share stake, the turnover has multiplied from £2 million to £10 million and earnings per share have risen by 168 per cent.

The market is quoting the shares at 97p, 6p above the value of the bid, underlining the market view that Sunleigh may have to raise its sights a little.

In brief

- **TYNDALL HOLDINGS:** *The company is to acquire the outstanding 60 per cent of the share capital of Westavon Securities (CI) not already owned by it.* The vendors are two of Westavon's local directors.
- **CRAY ELECTRONIC HOLDINGS:** The company has acquired Master Systems (Dataproducts), a private company dealing with data communications. The initial consideration is £2,080,000, satisfied by the issue to the vendors of 542,798 new ordinary shares in the company.
- **BOWATER INC:** Figures in $000. Sales for three months to March 28,282,931 or £17.3 million, net income 11,813 (7,174), eps 32 cents (18.9 cents). Earnings for 1986 restated to reflect change in accounting for pension costs.
- **PANTHERELLA:** Acceptances of the recommended offer by GUS have been received in respect of 3,734,048 Pantherella shares (93.36 per cent). All conditions have been satisfied or waived and the offer has become unconditional in all respects. GUS intends in due course to acquire compulsorily any outstanding pantherella shares.
- **DEBRON INVESTMENTS:** The board of Interface Flooring systems has announced that the offer made on behalf of Interface Overseas by Morgan Grenfell to acquire the issued voting share capital of the company not already owned by Interface Overseas has been accepted by holders of 21,136,452 *Debronord shares. The offer has* been declared unconditional.

Facing another turn of the inflation screw

The great *inflation* spiral continues — in the housing and art markets, that is. But how much can higher prices for Van Gogh paintings and three-bedroomed, semi-detached houses be taken as a harbinger of more general, and damaging, inflation?

The question is more serious than it sounds. If inflation hedges are rising in price — and gold has now joined in the fun — some people are clearly rather worried.

And with credit in the British economy growing at not far short of 20 per cent a year, there would appear to be plenty of fuel to stoke the inflationary fires.

There are two distinct camps on prospects for British and world inflation. The majority view is that deflationary influences continue to dominate and that the threat of substantially higher inflation within the foreseeable future is negligible.

The alternative minority view is that the evidence for a fairly dramatic upturn in inflation, meaning a return to double figures for Britain, is gathering strength by the day. And to those who reject such evidence, it is argued that people are falling into the same sort of complacent trap as in the early 1970s.

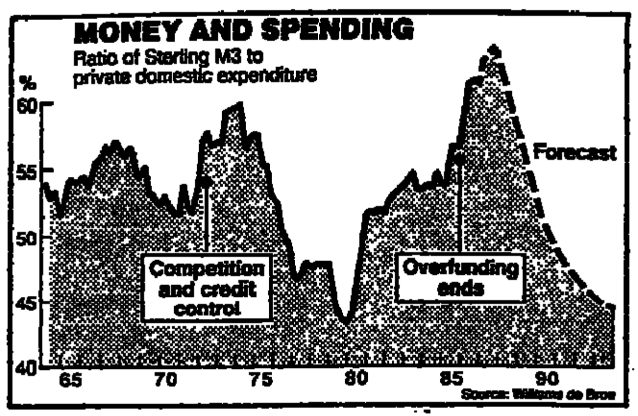
Looking at the two views in detail, the differences come down to the way people analyse the composition of inflation.

Until monetarism found favour in Britain in the 1970s, forecasting inflation was a fairly straightforward business. This trend has returned.

The domestic inflation rate can be split into two main elements — the rise in import prices and the growth in labour costs.

Import prices are forecast by taking the growth in world prices, in particular commodity prices, and adjusting them for changes in the exchange rate.

Labour costs, traditionally regarded as the main influence on inflation, are simply the rate of growth of earnings adjusted for productivity. Add import prices and labour costs together, and the inflation number automatically pops out.



Looked at this way, the inflation threat does indeed look very muted. Apart from precious metals, commodity prices remain very depressed. Expressed in average currency terms (IMF Special Drawing Rights), the *Economist* commodity price index is at present 9.9 per cent down on a year earlier. Even in terms of the US dollar, the weakest currency in the world over the past year, the index is only up by 2.4 per cent.

Oil prices are holding up well at $18 a barrel, but it is rather too early to start talking about an "Opec III" price squeeze on the West.

General inflation rates in Britain's leading trading partners are also depressed, suggesting no strong upward pressure on inflation from imports of manufacturers.

This leaves sterling, and the possibility of a sharp fall in the exchange rate, as the main danger. But sterling has fallen before — only last year, in fact — without very adverse effects on inflation.

The same sort of reassuring noises come through from the labour element of this inflation equation. Average earnings growth has not fallen in line with lower inflation, but there are few signs of an acceleration.

And with productivity growth in manufacturing now showing a very healthy rate, it would be logical to revise down expectations for growth in unit labour costs.

February's 1 per cent rise in unit wage costs in manufacturing, compared with a year earlier, was rather too good to be true, but the pressures on prices emanating from the labour market remain very subdued.

This nuts and bolts approach to assessing inflation prospects — which at the moment comes up with the view that inflation will, if anything, undershoot the Treasury's year-end forecast of 4 per cent — can be criticized.

It is only useful in the short term, critics say, and will not pick up the signs of sharply-rising inflation until it is too late. This criticism hit home in the early 1970s and, to be fair, there is no reason why it should not do so again.

Most of those who give warnings about higher inflation are not saying it will happen this year, or next. But they are saying a build-up of inflationary potential is taking place.

The chart contains one element of the argument that we should be worried, amid what is apparently a period of indefinite low inflation.

The growth in credit in the economy, which can be measured by the sterling M3 monetary aggregate, has been accompanied by a sharp rise in the amount of money people and companies want to hold. Private sector money balances have risen and the *usual reason given for this is* the high level of real interest rates.

But what if, as in the chart, the tide suddenly turns? There is a rundown of private money balances at the same time as continued rapid growth in credit. There, in a flash, we are back to 1972-73, with 1974-75 inflation to follow.

The danger, recognized more at the Bank of England than in the Treasury, is one reason for the cautious policy towards lowering interest rates.

But apart from high interest rates, money balances have risen in response to low inflation. There is an important confidence element here. The last thing people want if they fear inflation is a lot of liquidity.

House prices are rising by up to 20 per cent a year, depending on location. Stock markets, despite recent moves, have risen very sharply. According to the FT Actuaries World Index, share prices world-wide, in dollar terms, are at present about 45 per cent above their level a year ago.

Do rising asset prices neutralize excess money, or is there an inevitable spill-over into goods markets and thus into general inflation?

The spill-over, one has to say, is not inevitable. The proceeds from rising asset markets can be entirely reinvested in those markets, with little overall inflation danger.

But realistically, some effect would be expected. Rising house prices lead to higher wage demands. Booming stock markets produce windfall gains which will be spent on goods.

So far, such effects have been offset by other deflationary influences. And the liquidity glacier implied by the build-up of money balances has remained frozen.

But the dangers should be recognized, although it is not easy to see what policymakers could do about it.

David Smith
Economics Correspondent

COMMENT

Standard Chartered and the white knights

The accounts of Standard Chartered carry the unusual information that its constituent banks have £75.4 million out on loan to directors or their interests, £73.6 million of the total being to "connected parties". Yet even this remarkable figure understates the complex relationships the international banking group acquired during its defeat of the £1.3 billion takeover bid from Lloyds Bank last summer. To start with, Tan Sri Khoo, one of the Eastern customers who bought shares to defeat Lloyds, left the board, which he had just joined, under a cloud last November. So the substantial sums out to his National Bank of Brunei are not counted.

Banking relationships are only the half of it. When Sir Yue-Kong Pao acquired almost 15 per cent of the group, his special interest in the Hong Kong subsidiary was at least clear, even if the many different facets of that interest — including future relationships with mainland China — left a mist over his long-term motivation. Sir Yue-Kong was thought to want greater local interest in the Colony's second note issuing bank as well as a more dynamic performance. There is some sense in the former and certainly room for the latter. Bad debt charges of £71 million and associate losses virtually eliminated profits in 1986 for the whole Asia Pacific region, which handles gross assets of £8.2 billion.

Robert Holmes à Court, the third in the triumvirate of "white knights", has just topped up his shareholding to match Sir Yue-Kong's, but few think his purpose is to keep things that way. Rarely can white knights have displayed so many shades of grey.

It was understandable that Michael McWilliam, the managing director, and his board should vigorously resist what Lord Barber, the retiring chairman, calls the "unwise" tactic of a hostile contested bid from Lloyds. The dislocation and upset could hardly have surpassed the price of escape.

A platoon of Bank of England inspectors and officials will be investigating the circumstances of those late share deals for most of the year. And the share price is looking for the next bid or restructuring rather than the immediate efforts of the management to recover profits.

Long-term planning must surely be a casualty. After escaping from the jaws of Lloyds, Mr McWilliam was the first to acknowledge that the group would need "a new postwar agenda" and would have to rethink a number of its policies.

The report to shareholders understandably gives no indication of the results of such a strategic rethink.

That would in any case be material for potential bid defence documents. Lloyds has been preparing the technicalities rather better for a rerun of the battle. The existence of three substantial stakes (whatever the status of the Khoo shares) also means that there is room for more than one bidder to give itself a flying start, as will not have gone unnoticed by Mr Holmes à Court.

There is no shortage of acceptable candidates, from Australia and elsewhere. The question is whether Lloyds will return in the summer before the inquiry is finished. That might favour its cause but displease the Bank of England.

The real test for RHM

Everything has its price. Avana's chairman, Dr John Randall, found that out on Thursday when Ranks Hovis McDougall's 806p a share bid for the baking group he had built up proved successful. Whether that price reflected fair value may never be known. Avana, which is at the "high-tech" end of the baked confectionery market, will now be swallowed by the smokestack world of mass produced white bread and Mr Kipling cakes.

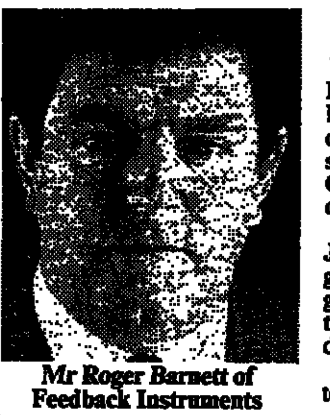
Shareholder democracy has been exercised using the only available common denominator. But looking beyond pure pence per share, there must be a feeling that in this case might was not necessarily right, and that in the longer term Avana would have proved its forcefully stated case that it would have better served its employees, customers and eventually shareholders by remaining independent.

RHM's bid was more opportunistic than most. The suspicion must remain that it was prompted by the hot breath of its unwanted new shareholder, Mr Goodman Fielder, rather than the cold logic of the need to assist in a necessary restructuring of the baking industry.

If RHM had been alert to any synergy between itself and Avana, why did it not strike when the company was negotiating an admittedly choppy course through restructuring? It could have saved its own shareholders a lot of money. For Avana's promises of jam tomorrow would hardly have been sufficiently credible to justify the steep price which RHM eventually agreed to pay.

The industry has also probably lost the potential of Dr Randall, acknowledged as a bright mind in a dull world. He will not stay on to serve a large company, nor will his departure be cushioned by the compensation from a long sevice contract. He did not have one.

RHM has gained a first class addition to its downstream business. It now has to prove that it can run it as well as the man who made it that way.



Mr Roger Barnett of Feedback Instruments

Feedback names managing directors

APPOINTMENTS

Feedback Group: **Mr Roger Barnett** becomes managing director of Feedback Instruments and **Mr Geoffrey Gates** is made managing director of Feedback Data.

Grundfos International: **Mr Jorgen Madsen** is appointed group managing director and group vice president. **Mr Peter Hooper** becomes group director, sales and marketing.

Metier Management Systems: **Mr Paul Rolph** has been made president and chief executive.

Braithwaite Engineers: **Mr TH Kindersley** is made chairman and **Mr David Wolfenden** becomes business development director.

Data Logic: **Mr Michael Harrison** is appointed marketing director.

Howes Percival: **Mr Alan Hamblett** becomes a partner.

Coopers & Lybrand: **Mr Paul Southern** has been made corporate finance director, North East region.

Charterhouse Venture Fund Management: **Dr Brian Cromie** joins the board.

Smith's Containers: **Mr Michael Townsend** has been made sales director.

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STOCK MARKETS

Tokyo shares surge to another record

Tokyo share prices climbed to yet another record high in moderate trading yesterday despite some late selling pressure.

Securities houses and export-dependent electrical and other company shares drifted up broadly and led the winners.

The Nikkei Dow Jones index of 225 selected stocks, which surged 357.74 points on Thursday to reach a new high, gathered another 69.92 points to close at 23,938.35.

Traders said the yen's stability in the currency market following its recent surges helped propel export-dependent shares.

Though Mr Satoshi Sumita, Bank of Japan's governor, has repeatedly denied intentions to cut the official discount rate, there are widespread market expectations that the central bank will move.

- **NEW YORK:** A last-minute rash of futures-related selling on Thursday provided a mixed close to the week for share prices on Wall Street. The continued rebound of the dollar against the yen, however, helped some shares.

The Dow Jones industrial average ended 62.79 points lower for the week.

The industrial average, which was ahead by 28 points early in the afternoon on Thursday, fell back sharply in late trading, to close down 6.96 at 2,275.99.

Volume shrank to 190.2 million shares from 198.2 million shares the previous day. Despite the Dow's fall, advancing stocks topped declining shares by about five-to-two.

The utilities indicator rose 4.72 to 204.11, its ninth largest single-day advance in terms of points. The transporat average gained 2.72 to 924.09.

TEMPUS

L&N awaits Abdullah magic

The books had been ruled off at Evered for almost three months when its guiding lights, the Abdullah brothers, accompanied its ultimately successful takeover bid for London and Northern with a profit and dividend forecast.

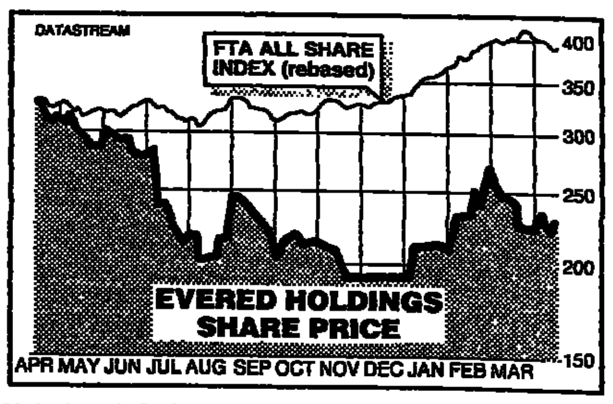
Consequently, three and a half weeks later, the actual results contain no surprises. Pretax profits for 1986 were £10.58 million, compared with the estimated £10.5 million, and the dividend rises from 3.5p to 5p, as expected, financed by earnings of 22.5p, ignoring the share dealing profits.

But it all looks academic as the company contemplates getting to grips with L&N.

The feeling is that if anyone can solve the problems at L&N, the Abdullahs can. After all, they sorted out Brockhouse, which, in some people's eyes, was in even worse trouble than L&N.

Evered looked very closely at L&N before launching its bid, and knows exactly what it has to do. If it can succeed in selling off the bits it does not want, including chiefly the troubled United Medical Enterprises, without too much discomfort, it can bring down L&N's borrowings sharply. (Net debts are understood to have been about 70 per cent of shareholders' funds).

Whether the Abdullahs will have any more success than the Mackenzies in recovering the £23 million still owed on the Sharjah contract in the United Arab Emirates is unclear, but it can presumably be assumed that the new bosses will already be seeking to exploit L&N's tax loss position to the full.



Bearing in mind that L&N was the subject of a takeover battle for close on four months, the City remains remarkably unclear about its recent trading performance. Where most similarly-placed companies seem to have no trouble forecasting 12 months ahead, L&N was at best vague about its experiences four months ago. Shareholders knew only that the 1986 results would be bad.

Evered's figures must accommodate these results in 1987. Yet analysts still believe the group can achieve earnings of about 26p a share this year. It all comes down to the Abdullahs. If you have faith in their ability, and Evered has come through its big tests to date, the shares may yet prove cheap.

International Leisure Group

Harry Goodman's International Leisure Group hardly puts up a convincing case for wanting to go private. He relies heavily on the cry that the shares are not properly appreciated by the stock market and that because profits are going to be volatile ordinary shareholders should jump out now and let him get on with it in private.

If all companies who felt so unloved followed suit, the stock market would be a pretty thin place.

International Leisure shareholders are in a cleft stick. The business is about people, and personalities, and that boils down to Harry. Mr Goodman, together with fellow directors, speaks for 39.1 per cent of the capital, and has said yes already to himself. There is no better offer around.

A price about the 220p mark could well have seen the word "fair" being added to the independent directors' recommendation that the offer is "reasonable" but even so 200p is a price shareholders might well have waited some time to see.

The profits picture at International Leisure has been muddled down the years by the incidence of aircraft sales, which the group sees as part and parcel of its business, but which the market sees as a non-recurring item.

In the year ended March, profits from operations other than aircraft sales are forecast to have been £12 million compared with £8.8 million in 1986. On that basis, the group can advertise a 36 per cent year-on-year growth.

However, there were aircraft sales of £3 million in the year to March 1987 compared with aircraft sales of £14.7 million in the previous year which on that basis would show profits down.

Based on the £12 million profits figure and the 200p offer price, shareholders are being offered an exit price earnings ratio — based on a notional tax charge and fully diluted earnings — of 18.

There is no indication in the offer document of what final dividend shareholders might have expected. At the interim stage, the payment rose from 2p to 2.2p a share, but in view of the heavy capital expenditure planned, it can not be assumed that International Leisure would have been anything but cautious with the 1987 final.

Edited by Peter Gartland

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Mortgage warning

Money raised by traditional means will not meet mortgage demands in the future, Alan Kerry, chairman of National & Provincial, predicted this week. "Some 20 years ago," he said, "money from two savers was, together with repayments, sufficient to fund one mortgage. That figure is now seven savers to one mortgage and the figure is rising."

Workers' shares

Share ownership has grown fastest among manual workers, says a new report from the Treasury. Two out of five shareholders in companies privatized since 1979 are manual workers, as against one in four in other quoted companies. The report also shows that 21 per cent of men and 18 per cent of women now own shares. Share ownership ranges from 13 per cent in Yorkshire and Humberside to 23 per cent in the South-East.

Above average

Citicorp British National has unveiled a new range of financial products, including a single-premium bond with a novel twist. If the investment performance of the Celebration Bond fund is not at least 15 per cent higher than the average of all similar funds on the market, CBN's first-year management fee of 1.5 per cent will be rebated to the fund. The offer is open until June 30.

Parting tips

A brochure on the financial aspects of divorce being published this week is available free by sending an A4-size sae to Gamlens, Solicitors, 3-4 Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn, London WC2A 3XS.

The fraud squad goes in

The recent history of Containerworld Services has many of the ingredients of a detective story — confusion, bitterness and investigation, this last element coming from both the Department of Trade and Industry and the Hampshire Fraud Squad.

The victims are 2,080 investors who bought containers from this leasing company after being offered an income of up to 20 per cent a year and a clause whereby after after various periods of time they could sell them back at the purchase price of around £2,000.

Unfortunately, Containerworld Services has come unstuck. Although it is not possible to say with any certainty exactly what has happened, the chain of events appears to be as follows.

Last October, Richard Atterton, managing director of Containerworld Services, employed SIS (UK) Ltd to collect its debts and negotiate settlements with its creditors.

According to Robert Llewelyn, managing director of SIS, the investigations showed the company to be in a poorer state than expected. He therefore made certain recommendations to Mr Atterton in December.

Two months later some of these were accepted, including a request "to contact all of the investors with a view to securing the fleet of containers in safe hands, and the negotiation of a practical fleet management system". At the same time Mr Atterton wrote to investors saying that a delay in income payments was expected because of trading difficulties.

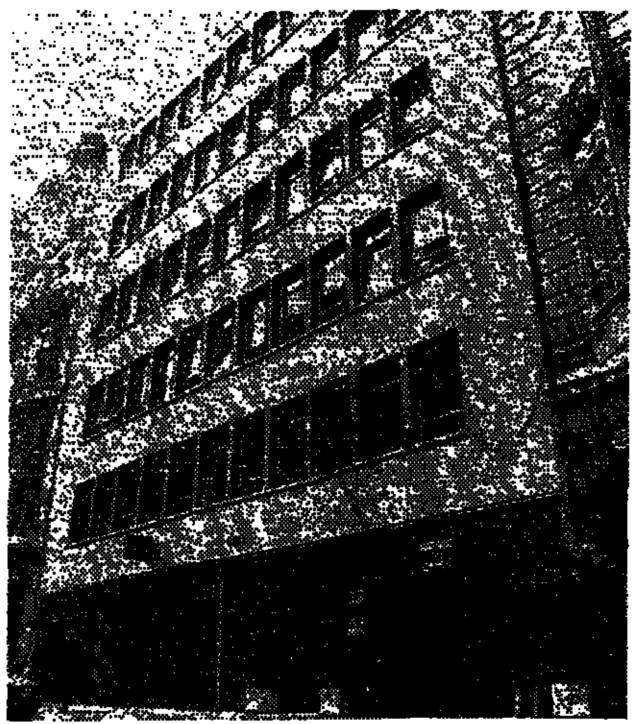
Before Christmas Mr Atterton had tried to buy the container fleet of another company, Oxford-based Acugreen Container Leasing. He also wanted to retain the services of that company's managing director, Ken Gadd. This deal was not effected. However, Acugreen Container Leasing was contracted to manage Containerworld Services' containers from March 1 this year.

Mr Gadd was duly supplied with a list of about 7,500 containers. But on close inspection he discovered a shortfall of 1,500. What happened to these containers? Nobody knows yet.

One theory is that they may never have been bought in the first place. Another is that they were sold without instruction from the investors. Both theories are based on the assumption that the company was not making sufficient profits on its container-leasing business to finance the high income payments.

Mr Llewelyn suggests that a factory in Portugal may owe Containerworld Services $1.7 million. If this is the case, he thinks the 1,500 containers may have have been ordered but never delivered.

For now, Acugreen is continuing to manage the fleet, and according to Mr Gadd he has now succeeded in leasing out 60 per cent of the 20ft boxes and 34 per cent of the 40ft ones.


Last known address of the company's office: 34 Dover Street

Mr Gadd, who thinks it is only a matter of time before an administrator is appointed, says: "I believe that as a trading company the company is solvent and will produce reasonable profits — probably half of what was originally promised — when it is back on its feet."

Investors told why they should accept

This optimism is shared by Mr Llewelyn. He has contacted all the investors seeking power of attorney from them. *So far around 1,500 have* agreed. He is now recommending the investors to form themselves into a company and become shareholders. The vehicle is ready and waiting — when Mr Atterton was trying to buy Acugreen, Mr Llewelyn maintains he was also planning to buy off the shelf a company called Containerworld plc.

But Mr Llewelyn "wanted to protect Mr Atterton from himself by keeping it from him", so he paid the formation agents himself and kept the documentation, pending the investors' decision.

This week Mr Llewelyn sent a letter to all investors detailing why they should accept his offer and why the alternatives are not worth considering.

He is also keen to defend himself against the accusations about his suitability currently being aired publicly. He admits he was managing director of a haulage business that went into liquidation, but contends that "this experience is positive — it puts me in a position of understanding". He also acknowledges that SIS had several county court judgments made against it last year. "You can't be involved in the type of work we're in without getting involved in litigation," he says.

Alternative courses of action are being discussed by accountants Dearden Farrow, Fryern Investments and an individual, William Hamilton. All have similar aims and there is some liaison between them. They could all eventually decide on the same course. One thing they undoubtedly have in common is that none of them is prepared to recommend the use of SIS.

David Tallon, a partner in Dearden Farrow, said his firm advised 15 clients to invest in Containerworld Services. Between them they purchased 230 containers — 88 of which cannot be accounted for. One of these investors was a partner in Dearden Farrow. Mr Tallon says his firm is now being very circumspect: "It's a case of once bitten, twice shy,' and for them, 'Container Rescue Ltd is the only real runner'."

Container Rescue is being organized by William Hamilton, who bought 27 containers over two years. He has documentation for only 14 boxes. He wants investors to reclaim their containers, but without prejudicing their legal rights against Containerworld Services. He says he has a letter from Mr Atterton stating he would be prepared to help any investors who wanted to take their boxes away. However, his last letter to Mr Atterton has been unanswered.

If the boxes are recovered, he suggests the investors join together and appoint a management company. Several companies are being considered, including IEA, which is based in San Francisco but has a Colchester office. Mr Llewelyn is trying to discourage investors from using IEA because it is outside English law.

Fryern Investments has around 450 clients who have invested in Containerworld Services. Norman Hulse, a director, recognizes that the firm made the investment recommendations, but categorically denies the hint that the firm ever suggested investors should mortgage their houses to invest in the company.

As for the basis of the investment advice, Fryern, like Dearden Farrow, investigated the company initially, and Mr Hulse maintains the projections seemed feasible. He says: "At the time sterling and the dollar were almost on a par, and they were getting $1.25 a day on leasing the containers. But you can't legislate for a born-again Christian (Mr Atterton) not acting responsibly."

Documents now being examined

Until the whole business has been cleared up through the proper channels, it is difficult to offer sound advice to investors. There is certainly little point in trying to contact Mr Atterton — the recorded telephone message at the company's last known address in Dover Street, central *London, redirects callers to* SIS.

The first thing investors should do is to write to the fraud squad*, where Detective Inspector Hodgson is examining the documents taken after the execution of search warrants. You should detail any documents you have. The fraud squad will acknowledge receipt in all cases. A further sobering thought comes from Mr Hodgson: "We've got many months of work ahead of us."

Amanda Pardoe

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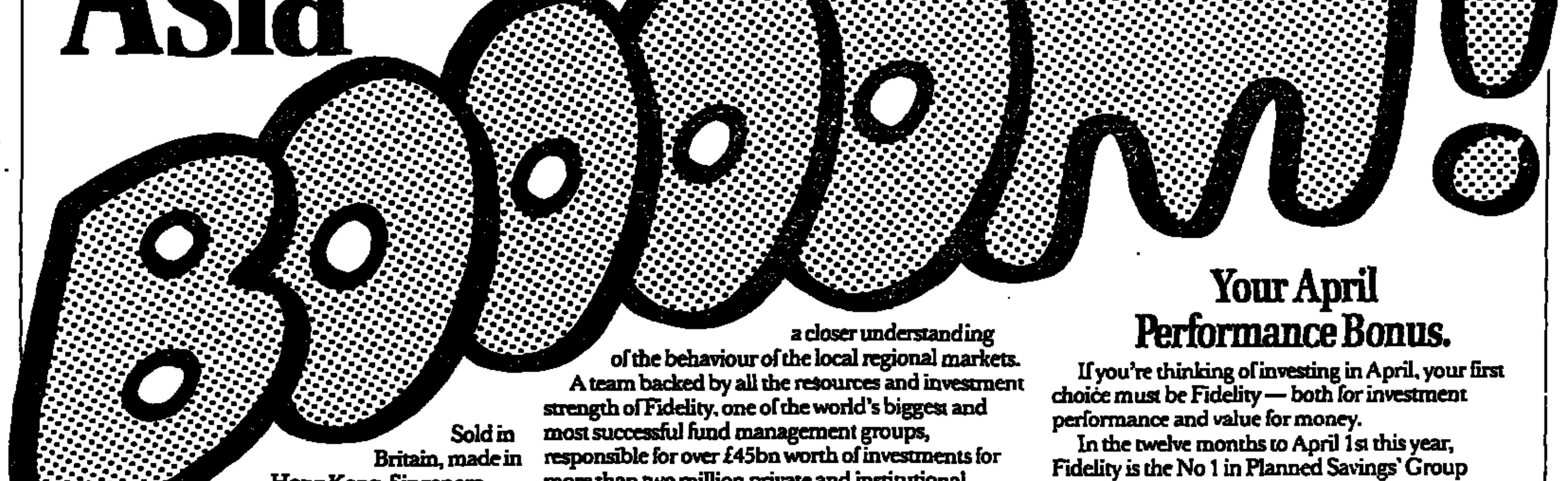

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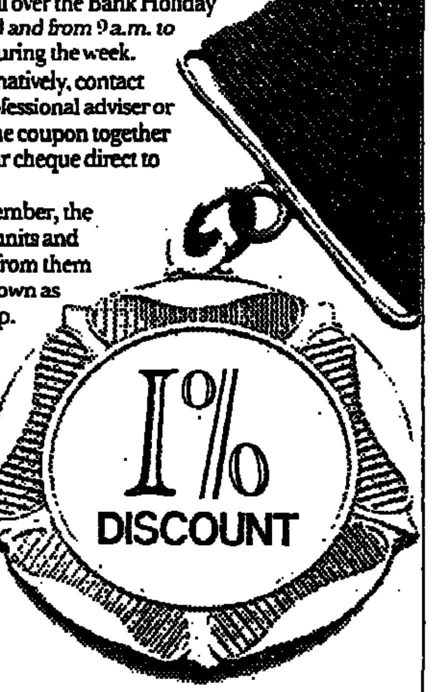

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FAMILY MONEY/2

Battle call at Sun Life

■ The battle between the Sun Life Assurance Society and its biggest single shareholder, Liberty Life of South Africa, looks set to come to a head at Sun Life's annual meeting on May 13 – Liberty Life will propose resolutions to appoint three Liberty nominees to the Sun Life board.

Sun Life's chairman Peter Grant recommended shareholders this week to vote against the appointment of Liberty's nominees because it "would be detrimental to the interests of the majority of Sun Life's shareholders, the society, its customers and staff". Mr Grant says control of Sun Life must not pass through the back door.

Liberty Life owns 25.7 per cent of Sun Life through a company called TransAtlantic Insurance Holdings plc. Sun Life has always rejected Liberty's claim to board representation, and the long-running antagonism between the two became very public in January when Liberty used the size of its shareholding to block Sun Life's plan to create a new holding company.

In recent weeks Sun Life's name has been linked to the cash-rich TSB in terms of a possible take-over or merger between the two companies.

Namesake tipped

■ The 1987 edition of *The Family Money Book* (nothing to do with *The Times* Family Money but recommended anyway) is published this week. Written by Douglas Moffitt, financial editor of LBC Radio, this highly readable and practical guide incorporates information on Big Bang, personal equity plans and this year's Budget changes. *The Family Money Book 1987*, a Dent Paperbook published in association with LBC and the Stock Exchange, costs £3.95.

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Bank breakthrough

■ Words such as "breakthrough" are used by financial marketing managers rather more often than is justified. But Harry Read, a TSB general manager, need not feel at all shy about using *that word* to announce his bank's Speedlink service.

Speedlink marks TSB's entry into home banking. The service, using the domestic telephone system, will be available to TSB customers for an initial £12 outlay for a push-button tonepad plus a quarterly charge of £2.50. It will enable customers to check account balances, pay bills and transfer funds between accounts by telephone. Speedlink will undergo pre-launch trials among TSB staff and will be available from mid-June to TSB customers. It will operate from 6am to midnight, seven days a week.

Act of ignorance

■ National Mutual Life this week published the results of a financial services opinion poll carried out for it by MORI. The poll, taken last weekend, was based on a representative cross-section of the population. The findings show that 82 per cent of respondents had not heard of the Financial Services Act, and the others had little idea of what was to be regulated.

More specific questions included whom would they consult first for advice on pensions and financial matters and how confident they would be about advice given by someone dependent on one company. Around a fifth said they would approach the bank first, only 8 per cent said they would consult an insurance broker initially, and even fewer said they would choose an insurance company. More than 60 per cent said they would not be very confident about advice given by a tied agent, but a similar number claimed they would be at least fairly confident about advice from someone representing several companies.

Keeping a balance

■ When the building societies announce a mortgage rate cut, it is usually followed by a reduction in the interest rate on savings. However, matching the two is not as easy as it sounds. As a result of the growing competition for savers and borrowers, societies have to perform a fine balancing act. They must attract sufficient funds to avoid mortgage rationing or queues, but their mortgage rate must be competitive with the banks'.

This time the societies face an added complication – the withdrawal of the 32nd issue of National Savings Certificates. As the societies are in direct competition with National Savings for funds, they have been obliged to wait and see how the rate on the new issue of certificates would be pitched before committing themselves.

Last week's announcement that the 33rd issue of National Savings will pay 7 per cent over five years, that is, 1.75 per cent less than the 32nd issue, should have pleased the societies. Certainly, the Halifax maintains this is a lower rate than it had expected. A Halifax decision on the reduction for savers is expected after Easter.

A financial first step around the world

The insurance company Clerical Medical has launched three international portfolios through its newly formed subsidiary, Clerical Medical International.

The three portfolios – Safeguard, Growth and Enterprise – have been designed to provide UK investors with a risk-graded way to invest.

Safeguard will invest primarily in fixed-interest securities throughout the world. The aim will be to achieve a total return higher than the gross return from a UK building society high-interest account.

Investments in the Growth Portfolio will be in both fixed-interest securities and equities selected from any of the world's stock markets. Initially, around 70 per cent of the portfolio will be in equities, although this proportion may vary at times.

Mike Richardson: 'the best'

The most aggressive of the three portfolios is Enterprise, which will invest in equities throughout the world. Investments will be made not only in leading companies from the larger stock markets but also in smaller companies on the emerging world stock markets, where the returns, and the risks, can be greater. Clerical Medical stresses that this portfolio will be strictly for adventurous investors.

The three portfolios will be available through the purchase of shares in a new company, the CMI Managed Portfolio Investment Company. This company will be based in the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, which subjects investment funds to minimal taxation. Clerical Medical is planning for the shares of its new subsidiary to be listed on both the Luxemburg and London Stock Exchanges.

The portfolios will be managed in the Isle of Man under the advice of Clerical Medical's investment team. They will be quoted in sterling and will aim for long-term capital growth, with income being of secondary importance.

Minimum investment in the shares of the CMI Managed Portfolio Investment Company is £1,000, with a minimum investment in any one portfolio of £500. Investors will be able to convert their share holdings between portfolios initially free of charge and, under current law, free of UK capital gains tax.

Mike Richardson, chief executive of the CMI Group of Companies, says the launch represents the first step for Clerical Medical's international investment operation.

"We will be providing UK residents, UK expatriates and foreign nationals with the very best in flexible international financial products and services," he says.

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Covered for cases

Amid much talk of new ways to finance litigation now that the Government intends to curb the costs of the legal aid scheme, one of the legal expenses insurance companies has found a new way for solicitors to obtain funding for their clients to pursue legal disputes.

Lawclub, brainchild of Allianz Legal Protection Insurance, could become the first realistic alternative source of funding for litigation, appealing particularly to middle-class litigants disenfranchised from the legal aid scheme. Lawclub is unusual in that members of the public do not have to pay for their cover by going direct either to Allianz or to a broker. They have it bought for them by their solicitor.

Scheme is now in the market

It therefore has attraction for clients, who do need to pay for the policy; and for solicitors, who are involved in the promotion of the policies, providing them with a way of both keeping existing clients and attracting new ones.

The recently published White Paper on legal aid, which makes clear the Government's wish for greater central control on the rapidly rising costs of legal aid, is likely to serve as a boost to such schemes.

The Law Society is already in the middle of a review of alternative ways to fund litigation, and is looking at the viability of both a contingency legal aid fund, in which unsuccessful litigants' cases are paid for by a levy on the winnings of those who are successful, and also of a fixed costs mutual scheme.

Such a scheme would cover disputes in which legal costs are normally recoverable if the litigant wins, such as accident compensation claims. Those with claims would pay a fixed contribution into a fund, still being worked out, that would in turn finance those cases in which the litigant loses.

Meanwhile, the Lawclub scheme is now in the market. Member firms of solicitors hold a single Allianz Lawplan or master insurance policy. They agree to sign up an average of 20 members a month over a year, which provides their clients with a year's cover, enabling the member clients to take legal action over any dispute about consumer contracts and services, or any non-motoring personal injury claim.

It costs the solicitor only £3.50 a policy, (an annual minimum cost of £840), which Allianz says might be given to clients to promote good will and ensure repeat business. The Lawclub protection covers legal costs and expenses up to £50,000 a claim, subject to the terms and conditions of the Allianz master consumer lawplan policy.

Clients, for example, would be able to enforce contracts for the provision of services or the purchase of goods for their new home. All legal costs are covered, whether in the court of first instance or beyond, with the opponent's costs in unsuccessful cases, up to the £50,000 limit.

The cover extends throughout Western Europe, permitting the pursuit or defence of disputes arising from holiday problems or claims against negligent parties for death or personal injury, other than while driving.

Typical claims might be against a plumber when defective work causes damage to property; against a tour operator if the holiday does not match up to the brochure; or a car hire company if the car breaks down and a ferry is missed. Every client who is a Lawclub member receives a membership card, also extending to spouse and children under 21, on which the issuing solicitor can place his stamp. "Club" members have round-the-clock 365-days-a-year access to legal advice through the insurance company's Lawphone service.

There is an option for members to extend their protection to the full cover provided by Allianz, called Lawclub Protection Plus, for a reduced premium of £50, payable by credit card. That covers such disputes as personal injuries, loss recovery after motor accidents, defence of home rights, pursuit or defence of actions relating to contracts of employment, and defence against criminal prosecution.

Clients should read the small print

Such an extension, not surprisingly, brings benefits all round, including benefits for the client's solicitor, who can reap the first-year commission on the policy.

John Long, managing director of the Bristol-based Allianz, says: "Solicitors are the logical intermediaries for legal expenses insurance in many instances."

He hopes the Lawclub scheme will give an added boost to the legal expenses insurance market, now a growing one in the industry.

But as with all such insurance schemes, clients should read the small print. The Lawclub does not cover claims arising before membership, civil claims "without reasonable prospect of success" (to be judged by a solicitor authorized by Allianz), or any dispute or contract arising out of business activities.

Nor does its Protection Plus policy extend to divorce or cohabitation-related disputes and leasehold or tenancy disputes over flats in blocks of five or more dwellings.

Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Justice for the jury

People summoned to do jury service, who find the two-week stint incurs enormous cost because of business left unattended, can now claim attendance expenses of up to £100 under a new legal expenses insurance package.

The package, including 24-hour legal advice, is being promoted by Hambro Legal Protection, through members of Misys Insurance Marketing in Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. It includes legal fees to defend unfair dismissal claims and industrial tribunal compensation awards, certain criminal prosecutions, and property disputes. The annual cost goes from £15 for a single self-employed person up to £60 where the total workforce consists of eight to 10 employees.

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'Ludicrous' delay by the taxman

"The recent decision by the Inland Revenue to postpone their approval of all pension schemes until after the Budget proposals become law is ludicrous," says a senior executive of one of the UK's leading life companies, Scottish Widows.

According to one of the company's general managers, Alistair Neill, the result will be a backlog that will take years to deal with.

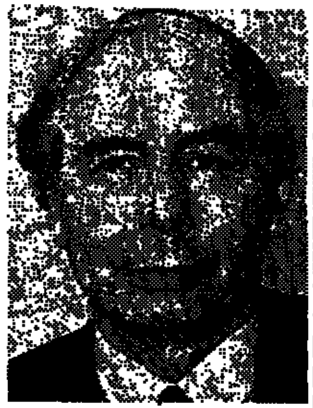
Speaking in London this week on publication of Scottish Widows' 1986 results, Mr Neill said he believed most employed people were best served by being members of a good final salary group pension scheme and that would continue to be the case even after personal pensions became an option next year.

Mr Neill wondered whether people would grasp the significant variations that occurred in investment returns, and particularly the way their benefits might depend on conditions at their precise retirement date.

"For example," he said, "as a result of falling interest rates a person retiring today with a personal pension will get about 15 per cent less pension each year than if he or she had retired just three months ago. People should be aware of factors like this before they make decisions."

Mr Neill welcomed the new freedom to set up AVC plans, announced in the Budget, though not the rules against lump-sum commutation. He also criticized the Chancellor's decision to advance the introduction for personal pensions from April 6 to January 4, 1988, "given that pension-providers such as ourselves were already facing problems in meeting the later deadline in the absence of adequate information about the terms on which the scheme can be operated".

Scottish Widows also spelt out its views on the regulation of financial services this week. The company's managing director, Charles Cavaye, said that unless the rules of self-regulatory organizations such as FIMBRA took account of what was practical and reasonable, parts of the independent intermediary sector might find it difficult to comply with the legal requirements or meet the costs.


Alistair Neill: 'backlog'

"Their demise would be to the disadvantage of the consumer," he said.

Mr Cavaye said he would also be concerned by any prospect of the Securities and Investments Board's polarization proposals being watered down. He regarded these proposals as being absolutely fundamental to the future of the independent intermediary market and that it was in the interests of the consumer that the market should flourish as it was the only source of unbiased "best advice".

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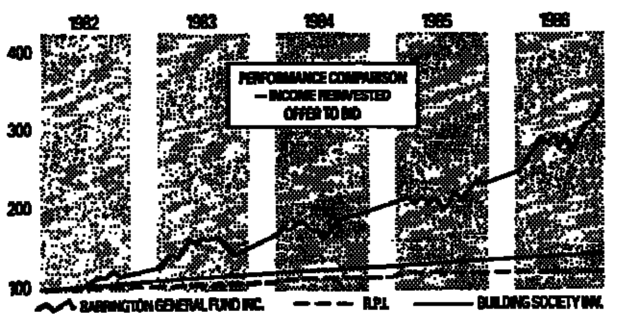

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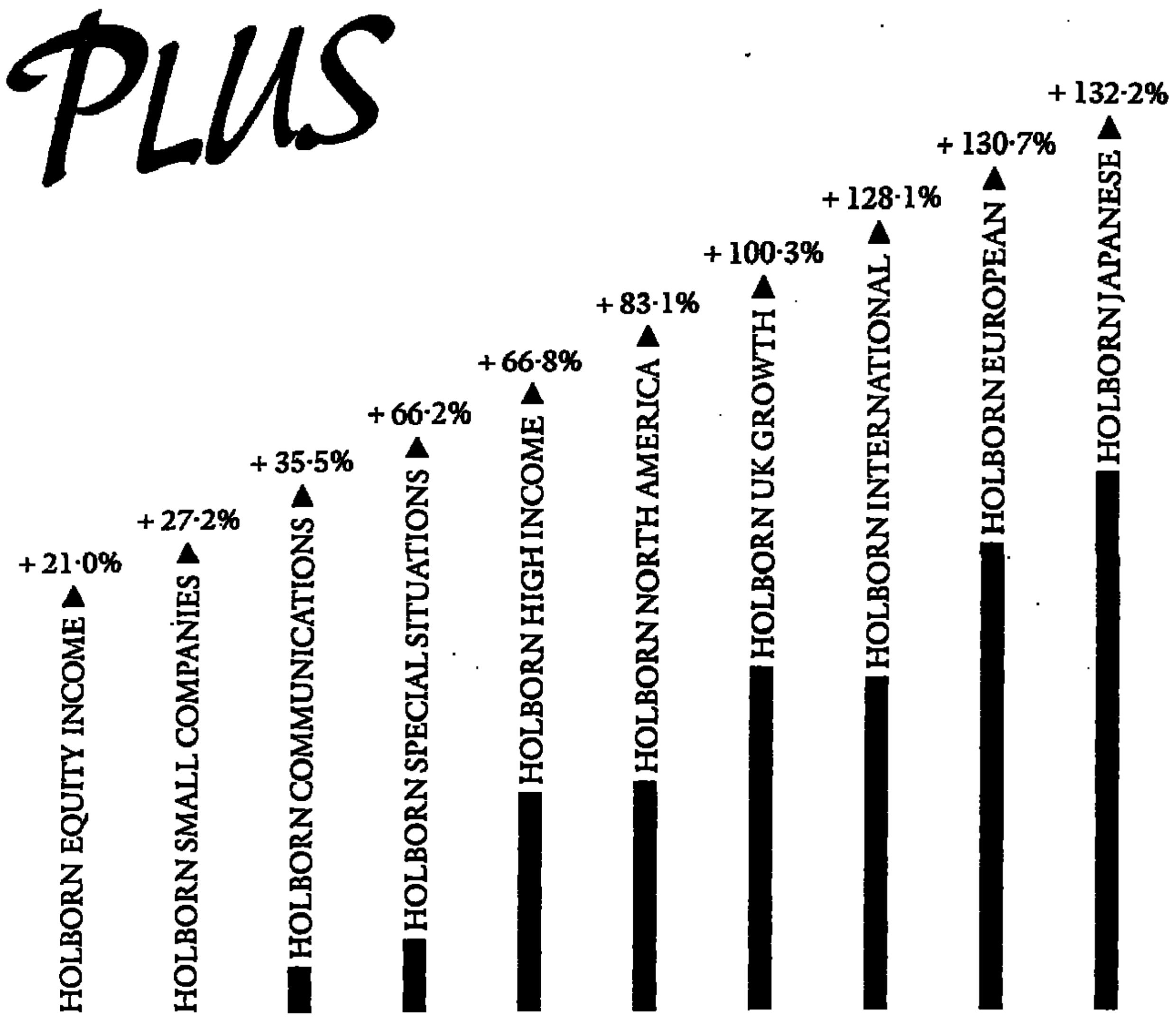

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Midland	6.21	4.68	3.40	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-260 8000
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Citibank Money Market Plus§	6.50	4.90	3.56	2,000 min	—	01-581 1422
HFC Trust	8.50	6.43	4.69	5,000 min	—	01-236 8391
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Tyndall Call	7.09	5.34	3.88	2,500 min	—	0272 732241
Tyndall 7-day	7.00	5.27	3.84	2,500 min	7 day	0272 732241
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GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
FPS (Management) Ltd	9.00	7.56	6.21	1,000 min	1 yr	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	9.00	7.61	6.30	1,000 min	2 yrs	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	9.00	7.65	6.36	1,000 min	3 yrs	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	9.00	7.69	6.42	1,000 min	4 yrs	0992 30488
UK Life[4]	9.20	7.13	5.18	2,000 min	5 yrs	0403 40033
LOCAL AUTHORITY TOWN HALL BONDS[4]						
Northampton	7.15	5.39	3.92	500 min	1 yr	01-638 6361
Kirklees	7.75	5.85	4.27	500 min	2 yrs	01-638 6361
Kirklees	7.75	5.85	4.27	500 min	3 yrs	01-638 6361
Kirklees	7.75	5.85	4.27	500 min	4 yrs	01-638 6361
Kirklees	7.75	5.85	4.27	500 min	5 yrs	01-638 6361
Great Grimsby	7.05	5.31	3.87	1,000 min	6 yrs	01-638 6361
Great Grimsby	7.05	5.31	3.87	1,000 min	7 yrs	01-638 6361
Taff Ely	6.48	4.87	3.55	1,000 min	8 yrs	01-638 6361
Taff Ely	6.48	4.87	3.55	1,000 min	9 yrs	01-638 6361
Taff Ely	6.48	4.87	3.55	1,000 min	10 yrs	01-638 6361
FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS						
Sterling	9.00	9.00	9.00	—	7 day	0481 26741
US Dollar	5.42	5.42	5.42	—	7 day	0481 26741
Yen	3.17	3.17	3.17	—	7 day	0481 26741
D Mark	2.95	2.95	2.95	—	7 day	0481 26741
French Franc	6.88	6.88	6.88	—	7 day	0481 26741
Swiss Franc	2.42	2.42	2.42	—	7 day	0481 26741

*Interest Taxable, paid gross †Tax free ‡Higher returns for larger balances §Higher return for balance over £25,000 [1] Other banks may differ [2] Extra interest accounts usually pay 1-2 per cent above ordinary accounts [3] Increased at end of year in line with rate of inflation [4] Returns for higher rate taxpayers may differ Research: Deborah Benn (01-822 9082)

KEY RATES

Retail Prices Index (Feb '86 to Feb '87)
+4.0

Mortgage rate
11.25%

Bank base rate
10%

Bank prime overdraft rate*
17% APR

Personal loan rate*
19.6% APR

Credit card rate*
26.8% APR

Hire purchase rate*[1]
26% APR

Bank deposit account
4%

Building society ordinary account
6%

High-interest cheque account*
7.00%

Holiday exchange rates*

Spanish pesetas	202
French franc	9.65
Greek drachma	207
Italian lira	2065

* Typical rates
[1] £1,000 over 12 months

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BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	10.00%
Adam & Company	10.00%
BCCI	10.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	10.00%
Co-operative Bank	10.00%
C. Hoare & Co	10.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	10.00%
Lloyds Bank	10.00%
Nat Westminster	10.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	10.00%
TSB	10.00%
Citibank NA	10.00%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE				
401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE				
01-837 6494				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	11.04	11.63	..	..
Bear	12.16	12.80	+0.06	..
Owl	14.51	15.28	+0.03	..
Bull	13.59	14.31	+0.05	..
Stag	13.66	14.38	+0.03	..
Gilt Edged	11.78		+0.06	..
Deposit	10.06		+0.01	..
Pensions				
Squirrel	12.04	12.68	+0.01	..
Bear	13.79	14.52	+0.10	..
Owl	17.06	17.96	+0.05	..
Bull	15.67	16.50	+0.06	..
Stag	15.93	16.77	+0.05	..
Gilt Edged	12.17		+0.07	..
Deposit	10.46		+0.01	..
Exempt App Mixed	183.6	189.3	+0.53	..
ABBEY LIFE				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL				
0202 292373				
Property Fund Inc	207.3	218.3	..	..
Do Accum	289.3	304.6	..	..
Equity Fund Income	122.9	129.4	-0.8	..
Do Accum	133.4	140.5	-0.8	..
Selective Fund	266.8	280.9	-2.8	..
Money Fund	226.5	238.5	+0.3	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	227.6	239.6	+0.1	..
Equity Ser 4	132.4	139.4	-0.7	..
Man Ser 4	380.9	401.0	-4.0	..
Conv Ser 4	203.3	214.0	+0.3	..
Money Ser 4	119.0	125.3	-86.2	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	188.7	198.7	+1.0	..
American Ser 4	272.6	287.0	-4.6	..
High Inc Ser 4	261.1	274.8	-81.5	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	116.8	123.1	-4.1	..
Japan Ser 4	381.6	401.7	+117.4	..
ALBANY LIFE				
3 Darnes Lane, Potters Bar				
0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	806.6	849.2	-4.8	..
European Fd Accum	212.3	223.5	-2.7	..
Fixed Int Acc	318.5	335.3	-2.2	..
Gtd Money Fd Acc	207.9	218.8	+0.2	..
Intl Man Fd Acc	349.0	367.3	-1.6	..
Int Fxd Int Fd Acc	195.7	205.9	+0.4	..
Japan Fund	299.2	314.9	+2.5	..
Nth American Fd Acc	169.2	178.1	-7.3	..
Prop Fd Acc	217.3	228.6	+0.1	..
Multiple Inv Acc	567.0	596.8	-5.7	..
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE				
Allied Dunbar Assurance Swindon SN1 1EL				
0793-28291				
Fixed Int Dep Accum	229.7	241.8	+0.3	..
Equity Accum	727.7	766.0	-8.6	..
Property Accum	326.3	343.5	+0.3	..
Far East Accum	178.6	188.1	+5.2	..
Managed Capital	336.8	354.7	-3.2	..
Do Accum	560.7	590.3	-5.1	..
Overseas Accum	479.8	505.1	-5.3	..
Gilt Edged Accum	286.9	302.0	-2.2	..
Amer Equity Accum	373.4	393.1	-20.6	..
Amer Man Accum	175.7	185.0	-4.6	..
Amer Prop Accum	121.3	127.7	-1.4	..
BALTIC ASSURANCE				
25-26 Albermarle Street, London W1X 4AD				
01-493 9899				
Managed Growth	304.9	321.0	-2.51	..
Managed Income	135.9	143.0	-3.01	..
International	226.1	238.0	+1.70	..
High Income	190.1	200.1	-1.56	..
Income & Growth	250.6	264.1	-5.17	..
Basic Resource	115.6	121.7	-3.16	..
American	192.4	202.5	-18.78	..
Far Eastern	444.4	467.8	+6.01	..
Smaller Co's	236.6	249.0	-5.14	..
BARCLAYS LIFE				
252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JB				
01-534 5544				
Equity Accum	518.6	545.9	-0.8	..
Do Initial	448.3	471.9	-0.8	..
Gilt Edged Accum	224.2	236.1	+1.4	..
Do Initial	195.6	205.9	+1.3	..
International Accum	298.3	314.1	+0.6	..
Do Initial	258.5	272.2	+0.6	..
Managed Accum	343.0	361.1	+0.3	..
Do Initial	297.7	313.4	+5.3	..
Money Accum	180.2	189.7	+0.2	..
Do Initial	151.3	159.3	+0.1	..
Property Accum	210.7	221.8	+0.2	..
Do Initial	180.8	190.4	..	..
America Accum	183.8	193.5	-5.4	..
Do Initial	162.0	170.6	-5.1	..
Australia Accum	214.2	225.5	-7.6	..
Do Initial	189.1	199.1	-6.8	..
Financial Accum	232.5	244.8	-1.1	..
Do Initial	204.5	215.7	-1.2	..
500 Accum	268.8	283.0	-1.0	..
Do Initial	233.6	245.9	-0.8	..
Japan &Gen Acc 2	425.8	448.3	+21.6	..
Do Initial 2	367.8	387.2	+21.7	..
Income Accum	287.8	303.0	-0.8	..
Do Initial	252.5	265.8	-0.7	..
Leisure Accum	176.3	185.6	-0.8	..
Special Sits Accum	150.4	158.4	+0.5	..
Unw Tech Accum	112.3	118.3	-2.3	..
Do Initial	101.4	106.8	-2.0	..
BLACK HORSE LIFE				
348a High St, Chatham				
0634 405161				
Black Horse Man Fd	429.46		-3.83	..
Managed Inv Fund	278.6	293.5	-2.53	..
Property Fund	187.0	196.8	+0.20	..
Fixed Interest Fund	198.4	208.8	-1.48	..
Cash Fund	172.0	181.1	+0.20	..
Income Fund	407.1	428.5	-3.19	..
Extra Income Fund	384.1	404.3	-2.94	..
Worldwide Grwth Fd	369.3	388.8	+4.86	..
Balanced Fund	368.6	388.9	+0.87	..
Smllr Co's & Rc Fd	489.5	515.3	+4.20	..
Int Technology Fund	364.8	384.0	+3.26	..
N Amer & Gen Fund	236.4	248.8	+0.21	..
Energy Int Fund	128.9	135.7	+1.01	..
Pacific Basin Fund	294.3	309.8	+14.47	..
CANADA LIFE				
2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts				
P Bar 51122				
Equity Growth	180.0		..	..
Managed	195.9	206.3	+0.3	..
Property	128.9	135.7	..	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	144.2	151.8	+0.4	..
Index-Linked	120.0	126.4	-1.5	..
Equity	220.9	232.6	..	..
Cash	141.0	148.5	+0.2	..
Midland Bk UT	213.9	225.2	-0.8	..
Midland Bk Int	244.1	257.0	-3.5	..
CANNON ASSURANCE				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB				
01-902 8876				
Equity Units	£78.22		-1.66	..
Property Units	£22.84		+0.01	..
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£37.41	39.58	-0.50	..
2nd Equity Accum	371.3	392.9	-7.2	..
2nd High Inc/Accum	325.1	344.0	-5.2	..
2nd Property Accum	217.8	230.5	..	..
2nd Managed 2 Acc	98.9	104.7	-0.2	..
2nd Managed Acc	267.1	282.6	-3.4	..
2nd Managed 4 Acc	102.7	108.7	+1.2	..
2nd Deposit Accum	179.2	189.6	+0.2	..
2nd Gilt Accum	192.2	203.4	-0.6	..
2nd Amer Accum	255.2	270.1	-11.1	..
2nd Intl Money Ac	198.1	209.6	+1.9	..
2nd Index Accum	116.4	123.2	-1.8	..
2nd Far East Accum	224.4	237.5	+6.8	..
2nd Global Accum	101.3	107.2	-2.5	..
2nd Euro Accum	107.4	113.7	-1.4	..
2nd Japan Accum	123.0	130.2	+7.1	..
2nd Heritage Acc	98.7	104.4	+0.1	..
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE				
Sentry House, 500, Avebury Blvd.				
Cntl Milton Keynes MK9 2LA				
0908-606101				
Property Fund	123.2	129.7	..	..
Money Fund	232.8	245.1	+0.3	..
Managed Fund	464.8	489.3	-2.5	..
Equity Fund	307.0	323.2	-1.8	..
Fixed Interest Fund	159.6	168.0	-0.4	..
Far East Fund	252.5	265.8	+9.9	..
Nth Amer Fund	179.7	189.2	-11.6	..
Nat Resources Fund	182.5	192.2	-0.8	..
SUN Flag Fund	150.1	158.0	-7.1	..
PBR Fund	140.8	148.3	-2.8	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH				
0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Mixed	155.8	164.0	+0.2	..
Equity	189.5	199.5	+1.8	..
Property	115.2	121.3	..	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	121.6	128.1	+1.2	..
Indexed Secs	102.1	107.5	-2.5	..
Cash	110.7	116.6	+5.1	..
Nth American	118.5	124.8	-1.8	..
Far East	153.0	161.1	-1.8	..
International	137.9	145.2	-0.7	..
Special Sits	180.1	189.6	+1.4	..
Intl Income	163.6	172.3	+0.1	..
European	160.0	168.5	+0.9	..
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	159.0	167.4	+1.3	..
Equity	176.1	185.4	+4.3	..
Property	119.4	125.7	+0.1	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	132.1	139.1	+1.2	..
Index Linked	106.8	112.5	-4.2	..
Cash	121.8	128.1	+0.2	..
Nth American	126.5	133.2	-2.7	..
Far East Acc	183.1	192.8	-1.9	..
International Acc	152.8	160.9	-0.6	..
Special Sits	216.6	228.0	+2.0	..
European Flex	188.1	198.0	+1.3	..
Cash	110.7	116.6	+5.1	..
Nth American	118.5	124.8	-1.8	..
Far East	153.0	161.1	-1.8	..
International	137.9	145.2	-0.7	..
Special Sits	180.1	189.6	+1.4	..
Intl Income	163.6	172.3	+0.1	..
American Inc	120.5	126.9	-1.4	..
European	160.0	168.5	+0.9	..
COLONIAL MUTUAL				
24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD				
01-248 9863				
Cap Life Key	170.21		..	..
Cap Life:Pacemaker	217.08		..	..
Cap Life-Cash	128.1	134.9	..	..
Cap Life-Equity	294.8	310.3	..	..
Cap Life-Fixed Int	192.7	202.8	..	..
Cap Life-Managed	237.7	250.2	..	..
Cap Life-Property	257.4	270.9	..	..
CML(Pen):Cash Cap	123.1	129.6	+0.36	..
CML(Pen):Cash Inv	137.8	145.1	+0.52	..
CML(Pen):Eqty Cap	530.7	558.7	+11.82	..
CML(Pen):Eqty Inv	594.1	625.4	+13.83	..
CML(Pen):Fixd Cap	211.3	222.4	+2.41	..
CML(Pen):Fixd Inv	236.5	249.0	+2.87	..
CML(Pen):Indx Cap	132.2	139.1	+0.85	..
CML(Pen):Indx Inv	147.9	155.7	+1.16	..
CML(Pen):Man Cap	319.9	336.7	+2.92	..
CML(Pen):Man Inv	358.1	377.0	+3.51	..
COMMERCIAL UNION				
St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3				
01-283 7500				
Var Ann Accum (5)	321.73		-10.24	..
Var Ann (5)	61.16		-1.17	..
Prime- Managed	264.1	278.1	+1.2	..
Prime- UK Equity	295.3	310.9	+0.2	..
Prime- Int Equity	223.4	235.2	+2.4	..
Prime- Property	127.3	134.0	+0.1	..
Prime- Fixed Interest	152.3	160.4	-3.0	..
Prime- Index-Linked	104.3	109.8	-2.2	..
Prime- Cash	126.0	132.7	+0.2	..
CONFEDERATION LIFE				
50 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE				
01-242 0282				
Managed Fund	689.6	725.8	+17.6	..
Equity Fund	945.4	995.1	+40.9	..
PIP Fund	£26.512		+0.43	..
CROWN FINANCIAL				
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW				
04862 5033				
Life Managed Acc	359.3	378.2	-5.1	..
Life Fixed Int Accum	241.3	254.2	-2.7	..
Life Equity Accum	445.4	468.8	-8.0	..
Life Money Accum	184.0	193.6	+0.1	..
Life Inv Trust Accum	459.3	483.4	-6.3	..
Life Intl Accum	380.2	400.0	-4.4	..
Life High Inc Accum	420.0	442.2	-1.8	..
Life Property Accum	185.7	195.4	+1.0	..
Crown Brit Inv A	508.0		..	..
Crown Equity	599.1	630.6	+41.5	..
DBS Managed	216.3	227.6	+11.4	..
Growth Accum	243.0	255.7		
CRUSADER INSURANCE				
Reigate Surrey RH2 8BL				
07372 42424				
Measured perf	107.7	114.0	-2.2	..
Performance Plus	105.8	112.0	-3.0	..
With Profs Perf	98.8	104.5	+0.1	..
UK Opportunity	117.1	123.9	-2.0	..
Euro Opportunity	109.5	115.9	-3.1	..
North Amer Opp	100.3	106.1	-4.8	..
Far East Opp	109.3	115.7	+2.0	..
Gth Prop Series 1	146.8	154.5	..	..
Gth Prop Series 2	99.8	105.6	..	..
Fixed Int	103.1	109.1	-0.2	..
Cash	98.9	104.7	+0.1	..
Managed Pens	343.6	349.9	+7.01	..
EAGLE STAR INSURANCE				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ				
0242 521311				
Secure Fund	105.9	111.6	+0.1	..
Blue Chip Fund	143.1	151.7	+0.9	..
Adventurous Fund	166.5	175.3	-1.6	..
Performance Fund	169.2	178.2	-1.1	..
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND				
1 Threadneedle St. London EC2				
01-588 1212				
Eagle/Midland Units	191.6	199.6	+2.9	3.40
EQUITY & LAW				
Amersham Road, High Wycombe				
0494 33377				
UK Equities Fund	496.2	522.3	+0.9	..
Higher Income Fund	486.3	511.8	+0.7	..
Property Fund	269.8	284.0	+0.2	..
Fixed Interest Fund	249.5	262.6	+1.2	..
Index-Linked Scs Fd	108.9	114.6	-3.0	..
Gtd Deposit Fund	181.1	190.6	+0.2	..
Nth America Fund	250.8	264.1	-8.7	..
Far East Fund	311.7	328.1	+2.9	..
Europe Fund	224.7	236.5	-3.0	..
International Fund	304.9	320.9	-3.5	..
Mixed Fund	372.4	391.4	-1.2	..
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH				
0722 336242				
Managed (Mixed)	172.0	181.1	-2.0	..
UK Equity	204.7	215.5	-3.8	..
Stewardship	197.1	207.5	-2.7	..
Overseas Equity	178.5	188.0	-1.0	..
North American	94.8	99.8	-4.0	..
Pacific Basin	114.8	120.9	+5.7	..
European	101.5	106.2	-0.3	..
Property	142.1	149.6	+0.1	..
Fixed Interest	136.4	143.6	-0.3	..
Index Linked	108.5	114.3	-1.4	..
Cash	121.7	128.2	+0.2	..
GT MANAGEMENT				
16 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DJ				
01-628 8131				
GT Plan Bond Fund	186.5	196.4	-0.8	..
GT Plan High Yield	222.0	233.7	-5.3	..
GT Plan Far East	262.8	276.7	+5.5	..
GT Plan North Amer	145.8	153.5	-9.8	..
GT Plan UK & GE	296.3	311.9	-8.2	..
GT Plan Worldwide	298.7	314.5	-8.9	..
GENERAL ACCIDENT LINKED LIFE				
20/24 Addiscombe Road, Croydon CR9 5BS				
01-688 0411				
Managed	126.1	132.7	-0.7	..
UK Equity	162.6	171.2	-2.1	..
Fixed Int	121.9	128.3	-0.4	..
Index-Linked	101.4	106.7	-4.0	..
Cash Deposit	109.0	114.7	+0.1	..
Property	110.6	116.4	..	..
International	112.4	118.3	-1.3	..
American	92.3	97.2	-3.9	..
Japan	149.1	156.9	+8.0	..
Japan Smlr Co's	109.6	115.4	-1.2	..
European	107.9	113.6	..	..
Pacific Fund	96.9	102.0	..	..
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE				
Crossbrook St, Cheshunt Herts				
0992 31971				
Portfolio Fd Acc	486.4		-6.3	..
Do Init	333.3		-4.7	..
Do Inv a	465.3	489.9	-6.5	..
UK Equity	240.3	253.0	-5.3	..
Oseas Equity	149.9	157.9	-4.3	..
Smaller Cos	144.8	152.5	-1.9	..
Gilt Plus	128.0	134.9	+0.4	..
Do 88	117.1	123.4	+0.1	..
Fixed Int Dep	115.4	127.6	+0.2	..
Managed	187.6	197.6	-2.6	..
Inter Man	157.1	165.4	-3.6	..
GRESHAM UNIT				
2-6, Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth				
0202 762122				
Managed Bond	472.9	498.3	..	..
Money Fund	192.5	203.0	+0.3	..
Equity Fund	409.6	431.6	..	..
Fixed Interest Fund	158.3	166.8	..	..
Property Fund	224.9	237.0	..	..
Gresham Framlington				
American & General	272.5	287.1	-12.9	..
Income	407.3	429.2	-8.5	..
International Grwth	308.1	324.7	-10.8	..
Capital Fund	446.7	470.8	-6.7	..
Recovery Fund	308.9	325.6	-13.7	..
Japan & General	179.9	189.6	+2.7	..
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE				
Royal Exchange London EC3				
01-283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	431.1	449.0	..	..
Managed Initial	358.3	378.2	-3.3	..
Do Accum	431.5	454.2	-3.8	..
Equity Initial	478.7	504.0	-6.6	..
Do Accum	574.9	605.2	-7.7	..
Fixed Int Initial	261.2	275.0	+3.7	..
Do Accum	313.7	330.2	+4.5	..
Intl Initial	405.6	426.9	-1.2	..
Do Accum	487.1	512.7	-1.2	..
Nth Amer Initial	146.3	154.0	-4.4	..
Do Accum	159.9	168.3	-4.8	..
Pacific Initial	245.5	258.4	+8.0	..
Do Accum	269.8	279.8	+8.8	..
Property Initial	140.2	147.5	..	..
Do Accum	168.2	177.0	..	..
Index-Linked Initial	103.3	108.7	-2.8	..
Do Accum	112.9	118.8	-3.0	..
Deposit Initial	140.9	148.3	..	..
Do Accum	169.2	178.1	+0.1	..
Euro Initial	97.7	102.9	-1.7	..
Do Accum	98.7	103.9	-1.7	..
Unit Linked Inter Inc	97.7	102.9	-1.7	..
Do Accum	98.7	103.9	-1.7	..
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION				
26, Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1DA				
01-638 5757				
High Income Fund	314.5	332.0	-3.5	..
Gilt Edged Fund	94.3	99.6	-0.2	..
Capital Growth Inc	293.7	310.0	-3.1	..
Technology Fund	179.0	189.0	-8.1	..
Natural Resources	169.5	178.9	+4.6	..
Special Situations	302.2	319.0	-6.0	..
North America Fund	233.7	246.7	-16.5	..
Far East Fund	401.5	423.8	+18.9	..
Managed Fund	333.7	352.2	-2.8	..
Deposit Fund	143.4	151.0	..	..
Prime Residential	164.5	173.2	+0.3	..
Property Fund	226.9	238.9	-3.3	..
Managed Currency	107.9	113.9	-0.7	..
Global Health Care	143.7	151.7	-2.7	..
HILL SAMUEL LIFE				
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon				
01-686 4355				
Security Fund	303.3	319.3	+0.1	..
British Fund	284.0	299.0	+1.1	..
International Fund	288.4	303.6	-6.3	..
Dollar Fund	211.0	222.2	-6.4	..
Capital Fund	277.3	291.9	-1.0	..
Income Fund	346.1	364.4	-8.2	..
Property Series 'A'	237.4	249.9	..	..
Property Units	380.7	399.8	..	..
Financial Fund	263.3	277.2	+2.4	..
Managed Series 'A'	301.9	317.8	-2.5	..
Do 'C'	215.3	226.7	-1.8	..
Managed Units	527.8	555.6	-4.2	..
High Yield Fund	330.6	348.0	-1.9	..
Money Series 'A'	177.0	186.4	+0.2	..
Money Units	227.4	239.4	+0.2	..
Equity Fund	353.0	371.6	-4.1	..
Fixed Interest Fund	220.5	232.2	+1.6	..
Indexed Secs Fund	113.7	119.7	-1.0	..
European Fund	450.1	473.8	-3.3	..
Natural Res Fund	198.5	209.0	+4.4	..
Far East Fund	394.1	414.9	+2.3	..
Smaller Co's Fund	378.4	398.4	+2.7	..
Special Sits Fund	294.0	309.5	+0.9	..
Man Currency Fund	158.5	166.9	-0.5	..
Japanese Tech	129.8	136.7	-2.1	..
IMPERIAL LIFE OF CANADA				
Imperial Life House, London Road, Guildford				
0483 571255				
Growth Fund (4)	297.2	328.1	-4.5	..
Unit Linked Man	269.5	283.7	-4.0	..
Unit Linked Fixed Int	230.6	242.8	-2.9	..
Unit Linked Sec Cap	173.8	182.9	+0.2	..
Unit Linked Eq Fd	660.3	695.1	-8.1	..
Unit Linked Prop Fd	183.0	192.6	+0.1	..
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE				
Longbow House, 20, Chiswell St, London EC1 4TY				
01-638 1731				
Prop Modules 1	273.4	287.7	..	..
Prop Modules Gth	384.9	405.1	..	..
Prop Mod Gth Ser 2	177.5	186.8	..	..
Prop Mod Gth Ser 3	173.5	182.6	..	..
Blue Chip Series 1	238.2	250.7	..	..
Blue Chip Series 2	378.1	398.0	..	..
Blue Chip Series 3	360.8	379.8	..	..
Managed Series 1	750.1	789.6	..	..
Managed Series 2	296.6	312.2	..	..
Managed Series 3	285.2	300.2	..	..
Global Managed 3	331.0	348.4	..	..
Global Property 3	150.7	158.6	..	..
Global Fixed Int 3	295.6	311.2	..	..
Global Equity 3	381.8	401.9	..	..
Global Cash 3	123.6	130.1	..	..
High Inc Series 3	934.3	983.5	..	..
LAS GROUP				
10, George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2YH				
031-225 8494				
Managed Fund	239.4	254.2	+0.6	..
UK Equity	329.9	349.9	+0.7	..
Property	193.5	205.3	+0.2	..
Money Market	147.0	155.2	+0.2	..
Fixed Interest	181.1	192.1	-1.1	..
Japan	360.2	382.1	+25.6	..
North America	155.4	164.9	-3.8	..
International	221.8	235.3	-9.4	..
Natural Res Fnd	100.4	106.6	+1.5	..
European	180.9	190.9	+0.6	..
Far East	121.5	128.3	-4.5	..
High Technology	123.5	130.4	-1.0	..
Special Sits	108.9	114.9	-1.7	..
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE				
2, Montefiore Rd, Hove, Sussex BN5 1SE				
0273 724566				
Bldg Soc Linkd Int	104.5	110.1	+0.2	..
Do Accum	112.6	118.6	+0.2	..
Cash Initial	130.8	137.7	+0.1	..
Do Accum	177.5	186.9	+0.2	..
Equity Initial	459.2	483.4	+0.3	..
Do Accum	623.2	656.1	+0.6	..
Fixed Initial	257.7	271.3	+1.5	..
Do Accum	349.7	368.2	+2.0	..
Index-Linked Gilt	99.6	104.9	-3.7	..
Do Accum	115.4	121.5	-4.1	..
Intl Initial	282.8	297.7	-1.2	..
Do Accum	377.9	397.8	-1.6	..
Managed Initial	340.1	358.1	-1.5	..
Do Accum	461.6	485.8	-2.1	..
Property Initial	158.5	166.9	+0.5	..
Do Accum	215.1	226.5	+0.7	..
LEGAL & GENERAL PROPERTY				
11, Queen Vic St London EC4N 4TP				
01-248 9678				
L & G (29)	168.7	177.2	..	..
LONDON LIFE				
100, Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA				
0272 279179				
Equity	514.5		-16.2	..
Fixed Interest	232.5		-5.1	..
Property	243.1		+0.2	..
Deposit	176.9		+0.2	..
Mixed	343.5		-8.6	..
Indexed Stock	127.2		-3.4	..
International	178.6		-4.3	..
Equity A	120.6		-3.8	..
Fixed Int A	104.4		-2.3	..
Property A	109.1		+0.1	..
Deposit A	106.2		+0.1	..
Mixed A	114.2		-2.9	..
Index Stock A	100.7		-2.7	..
International A	113.0		-2.7	..
Equity P	456.2		-11.7	..
Fixed Int P	265.0		-5.3	..
Property P	197.7		+0.2	..
Deposit P	172.1		+0.2	..
Mixed P	312.7		-7.0	..
Index Stock P	140.8		-3.8	..
International P	189.4		-5.1	..
LDN & MANCHESTER GROUP				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS				
0392 52155				
Inv Trust Cap	459.0		-2.7	
Do Accum	558.3		-2.9	
Property Cap	128.5		-0.1	..
Do Accum	147.9		..	..
Fixed Interest Cap	158.8		+0.4	..
Do Accum	189.7		+0.6	..
Equity Cap	229.7		+1.2	..
Do Accum	275.3		+1.6	..
International Cap	192.3		-1.2	..
Do Accum	229.7		-1.3	..
Gtd Deposit Cap	148.1		..	..
Do Accum	175.7		+0.2	..
Flexible Cap	289.5		-4.7	..
Do Accum	323.2		-5.5	..
Moneymaker Fund	256.0		-3.6	..
Capital Growth Fund	837.5		+3.7	..
M & G				
Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ				
01-626-4588				
Amer Bond Acc	210.0	220.6	-0.4	..
Amer Rec Bond	265.3	278.7	-8.1	..
Amer Smlr Co Bond	113.0	118.7	-2.8	..
Australasia Bond	191.8	201.4	-11.9	..
Commodity Bond	187.8	197.4	+3.4	..
Deposit Bond Acc	222.4	233.7	+0.2	..
Equity Bond Accum	651.3	684.0	-2.2	..
European Bond Acc	185.5	194.9	-0.8	..
Extra Yld Bd Accum	361.7	379.9	-2.8	..
Far East Bd Accum	145.4	152.8	-2.2	..
Gilt Bond Accum	258.0	271.0	-0.8	..
Gold Bond Accum	156.3	164.5	-6.3	..
High Yield Bond	243.7	256.0	..	5.22
Index-Linked Gt Bd	123.7	130.0	-2.8	..
International Bond	401.8	422.0	-4.8	..
Japan Bond Acc	224.1	235.4	+0.9	..
Japan Smlr Co Acc	153.3	161.1	-2.0	..
Managed Bonds	478.2	502.2	-6.5	..
Prop Bond Accum	286.3	300.8	+0.1	..
Rec Bond Accum	344.8	362.2	-7.8	..
Family Bond Accum	650.3		..	..
MGM ASSURANCE				
MGM Hse Heene Rd, Worthing BN11 2DY				
0903 204631				
UK Equity Fund	211.6	222.8	-0.2	..
Do Accum	236.5	249.0	+0.2	..
Special Sits Fund	192.2	202.4	-0.6	..
Do Accum	214.5	225.8	-0.8	..
North American Fd	177.8	187.2	-7.3	..
Do Accum	198.4	208.9	-8.2	..
Pacific Basin Fund	322.8	339.8	+5.9	..
Do Accum	360.4	379.4	+6.6	..
Fixed Interest Fund	213.1	224.4	-0.5	..
Do Accum	238.2	250.8	-0.1	..
Property Fund	117.1	123.3	..	..
Do Accum	130.9	137.8	+0.1	..
Deposit Fund	112.2	118.2	+0.1	..
Do Accum	125.3	131.9	+0.1	..
Managed Fund	203.1	213.8	-1.3	..
Do Accum	228.6	240.7	-1.4	..
MANUFACTURERS LIFE				
St Georges Way, Stevenage				
0438 356101				
Managed Fund	414.4	436.2	-4.6	..
Property Fund	272.5	286.8	+0.2	..
Equity Fund	480.4	505.7	-10.4	..
Gilt Edged Fund	357.3	376.1	-5.9	..
Deposit Fund	201.1	211.7	+0.3	..
Investment Fund	203.9	214.1	-4.5	..
International Fund	422.7	444.9	..	..
MERCHANT INVESTORS				
Leon House, 233 High St Croydon				
01-686 9171				
Property	280.2		-0.2	..
Equity Bond	170.6		-3.9	..
Money Market Bond	305.5		-3.1	..
Deposit Fund	233.1		+0.2	..
Managed Fund	262.1		-3.9	..
Intl Equity	319.9		-1.7	..
Intl Managed	292.0		-1.3	..
North American	121.5		-4.0	..
Far East	283.8		+14.7	..
Intl Currency	173.9		+0.1	..
NATIONAL PROVIDENT				
48, Gracechurch St, EC3P 3HH				
01-623 4200				
Managed	282.9	297.8	-2.0	..
UK Equity	357.0	375.8	-1.6	..
Overseas Equity	282.7	297.6	-5.2	..
Americas	232.4	244.7	-8.9	..
Far East	333.8	351.4	+4.1	..
Property	133.6	140.6	+0.3	..
Fixed Interest	207.2	218.2	+1.1	..
Indexed Gilt	118.6	124.8	-2.9	..
Deposit	132.2	139.2	+0.1	..
NORWICH UNION				
PO Box 4, Norwich NR1 3NG				
0603 622200				
Managed Fund	718.1	755.8	-3.6	..
Equity Fund	£14.79	15.57	-0.07	..
Property Fund (3)	310.9	327.3	+0.2	..
Fixed Int Fund (3)	366.1	387.5	+4.6	..
Deposit Fund (3)	204.2	215.0	+0.2	..
Intl Fund (30)	134.3	141.4	-2.1	..
Unit-Linked Plus	857.8		..	..
PEARL ASSURANCE				
252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB				
01-405 8441				
Inv Prop Dist	137.6	144.9	+0.1	..
Do Accum	216.0	227.4	+0.2	..
Inv Equity	645.9	681.0	-15.9	..
Inv Managed	448.6	472.3	-9.6	..
Ret Managed	421.1	443.3	-9.2	..
PHOENIX ASSURANCE				
4-5, King William St, EC4N 7BR				
01-626 9876				
Wealth Assured	393.0	413.7	-5.4	..
Ebor Phoenix Equity	339.2	359.2	..	..
PROPERTY GROWTH				
Leon House, Croydon CR9 1LU				
01-680 0606				
Property Fund	284.7		+0.1	..
Property Fund (A)	283.0		+0.1	..
Agricultural Fund	800.0		-0.2	..
Agric Fund (A)	787.3		-0.2	..
Abbey Nat Fund	255.6		+0.2	..
Abbey Nat Fund (A)	248.3		+0.1	..
Investment Fund	214.8		-0.3	..
Investment Fund (A)	206.4		-0.3	..
Equity Fund	773.9		+2.5	..
Equity (A)	753.0		+2.4	..
Money Fund	279.2		+0.4	..
Money Fund (A)	271.7		+0.4	..
Actuarial Fund	358.1		+0.1	..
Gilt-Edged Fund	252.7		+0.6	..
Gilt-Edged Fund (A)	252.7		+0.6	..
Retire Annuity	462.4		..	..
Immed Annuity	208.0		..	..
International Fund	400.0		-3.6	..
Bldg Soc Life Fund	139.6		+0.2	..
PROVIDENCE CAPITAL				
30, Uxbridge Rd, W12 8PG				
01-749 9111				
Equity Fund Accum	193.9	204.6	-1.8	..
Fixed Interest Acc	119.4	126.0	-0.4	..
International Accum	132.8	140.1	-3.7	..
Managed Accum	150.0	158.2	-2.2	..
Property Accum	162.8	171.8	-0.2	..
Money Accum	93.0	98.2	+0.2	..
Special Mkt Accum	112.4	118.6	-1.8	..
Japan Growth Acc	129.2	136.3	-2.5	..
N Amer Accum	101.3	106.9	-8.5	..
Pacific Accum	88.6	93.5	-1.4	..
Technology Accum	84.4	89.1	-2.4	..
Natural Res Accum	85.6	90.3	+1.5	..
Japan Grwth Accum	214.0	225.8	+10.1	..
European Accum	82.7	87.3	-1.3	..
PROVIDENT MUTUAL				
25/31, Moorgate London EC2R 6BA				
01-628 3232				
Managed Ord	250.8	264.1	-2.1	..
Managed Initial	216.5	227.9	-1.9	..
Equity Ord	352.8	371.2	-2.3	..
Equity Init	304.2	320.2	-2.2	..
Indxd-Lnkd Gilt Ord	118.0	124.2	-2.6	..
Index Linked Gilt Init	106.4	112.0	-2.3	..
Oseas Equity Ord	265.3	279.3	-8.1	..
Oseas Equity Initial	228.9	240.9	-7.1	..
Property Ord	132.8	139.8	+0.1	..
Property Initial	114.6	120.6	..	..
Fixed Int Ord	156.7	164.9	+0.5	..
Fixed Int Initial	135.2	142.3	+0.3	..
Deposit Ord	125.9	132.5	+0.1	..
Deposit Initial	108.6	114.3	..	..
PROVINCIAL LIFE				
Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria				
0539 23415				
Managed Fund	512.4	545.2	-7.8	..
Cash Fund	204.9	216.0	+0.3	..
Property Fund	212.2	223.7	+0.2	..
Equity Fund	589.9	627.6	-12.1	..
Fxd Interest Fund	261.6	278.4	+1.3	..
International	298.7	314.8	-8.6	..
High Income	391.2	416.2	-9.2	..
Far East	349.3	370.6	-4.6	..
North American	240.2	255.6	-14.7	..
Special Sits	515.4	548.4	-10.1	..
Technology	248.7	264.6	-7.4	..
Extra Income Fund	223.5	237.8	-2.3	..
Gilt Fund 20	281.9	299.9	+2.8	..
PRUDENTIAL				
Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH				
01-405 9222				
Managed	199.4	207.8	-2.8	..
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE LTD				
20, Clifton Street, London EC2A 4HX				
01-620 0202 0733 262524				
Multi Growth (45)	465.144		..	..
Multi Growth 'A' (45)	383.2	403.4	..	..
Op 8 Prop	292.3	307.7	+0.8	..
Op 8 Equity	665.4	700.5	-11.4	..
Op 8 High Yield	319.2	336.0	-2.0	..
Op 8 Managed	526.8	554.5	-7.8	..
Op 8 Deposit	234.0	246.4	+0.4	11.12
Op 8 US Dollar	111.5	117.4	-5.4	9.50
Amer Smaller	117.0	123.2	-7.9	..
Commodity	117.0	123.2	+7.8	..
Extra Inc	133.9	141.0	-1.0	..
Far East	153.4	161.5	+5.2	..
Finl Secs	209.0	220.0	+2.6	..
Gold Gen	87.4	92.1	+3.6	..
Inc Gth	219.3	230.9	+1.1	..
Intl Fund	155.2	163.4	-3.4	..
Japan Perf	230.4	242.6	+8.2	..
Japan Smlr	104.7	110.3	+2.8	..
Natl High	219.1	230.7	+1.0	..
Prop Shs	201.9	212.6	-1.9	..
Intl Recovery	216.4	227.8	-8.4	..
Smaller Cos	249.3	262.5	-6.5	..
Univ Energy	50.8	53.5	-2.2	..
World Tech	130.9	137.8	-7.9	..
Managed Gth	189.9	199.9	-2.1	..
Gilt	88.1	92.8	-0.3	..
Hong Kong	93.0	97.9	-3.6	..
Aust Gth	149.0	156.9	+3.8	..
Growth	..		..	..
Amer (35.34)	147.8	155.6	-13.4	..
Australian	141.9	149.4	+3.5	..
British	194.6	204.9	-0.5	..
Commodity	178.5	187.9	+5.6	..
Extra Inc	191.8	201.8	-3.8	..
Far Eastern	247.2	260.3	-3.8	..
Gilt	89.3	94.1	..	..
Global (35.34)	329.2	346.6	-4.0	..
Gold Share	85.8	90.4	-1.8	..
High Income	226.4	238.1	+4.9	..
Income	309.7	326.0	-2.5	..
Japan	312.8	329.3	-12.9	..
Oil Energy	131.4	138.4	-4.1	..
Special Sits	279.7	294.5	-1.3	..
UK Smlr Co's	255.4	268.0	-4.7	..
Man Growth	281.4	296.3	-4.8	..
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE				
New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS				
051-227 4422				
Royal Shield Fund	579.2	612.9	-6.9	..
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	236.9	249.3	-3.1	..
Equity Fund	285.1	300.1	-4.0	..
Property Fund	159.6	167.9	+0.6	..
International Fund	316.6	333.2	-9.1	..
Pacific Basin Fund	193.8	203.9	-0.7	..
United States Fund	137.7	144.9	-4.7	..
Gilt Fund	178.5	187.8	+0.8	..
Money Fund	128.6	135.3	..	..
SAVE & PROSPER				
1, Finsbury Ave London EC2M 2QY				
0708 66966				
Bal Inv Fund	406.7	430.4	+0.6	..
Deposit Fund (2)	227.8	241.1	+0.3	..
Gilt Fund	307.7	325.7	+2.6	..
Global Equity Fund	143.7	152.1	+0.1	..
Property Fund (45)	56.8	58.1●	+0.2	..
AG Bond Fund	97.4	103.1	-0.9	..
SCHRODER LIFE				
Enterprise Hse, Portsmouth				
0705 827733				
Equity	828.0	871.5	-14.5	..
Fixed Interest	325.9	343.0	-3.7	..
Managed	417.7	439.6	-6.4	..
Deposit	212.9	224.1	+0.5	..
Overseas	252.6	265.8	-1.8	..
Property	284.4	299.3	-0.3	..
American	239.3	251.8	-10.4	..
Australian	184.6	194.3	+7.4	..
European	318.6	335.5	-4.7	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	171.7	180.7	-2.8	..
Income Accum	414.2	436.0	-4.7	..
Income Distrib	309.6	325.8	-3.5	..
International	262.5	276.3	-1.8	..
Japan Smaller	222.5	234.2	+7.7	..
Singapore & Mal	142.7	150.2	+2.9	..
Smaller Companies	365.4	384.6	-1.5	..
Tokyo Fund	361.7	380.7	+9.6	..
UK Equity	340.8	358.7	-12.7	..
CCM Vang'd Mgd	384.1	404.3	-8.9	..
Equity Pension Cap	577.3	607.6	-13.1	..
Overseas Pension	293.2	308.6	-2.5	..
SCOTTISH AMICABLE				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow				
041-248 2323				
Equity	366.7	386.1	-0.3	..
Fixed Interest	203.2	213.9	+2.1	..
International	249.8	263.0	-5.1	..
Property	140.8	148.3	..	..
Cash	141.0	148.5	+0.1	..
Managed	269.9	284.2	-0.7	..
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE				
28, St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 1YF				
031 556 9101				
Cash	105.6	111.3	+0.14	..
Index-Linked	99.2	104.5	-3.1	..
Fixed Interest	113.9	120.0	+1.8	..
Mixed	149.7	157.6	+0.5	..
UK Equity	143.0	150.6	+0.9	..
International	164.1	172.7	+2.2	..
American	128.8	135.5	-2.3	..
Japan	217.0	228.5	+9.6	..
European	158.5	163.7	-1.9	..
Pacific	190.7	200.8	+4.7	..
Technology	148.8	156.7	+0.2	..
Foreign Bd/Currency	132.4	139.4	-0.6	..
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 1YE				
031-225 2211				
Property	120.2	126.6	+0.2	..
UK Equity	204.7	215.6	-3.5	..
American	152.6	160.8	-4.8	..
Pacific	223.4	235.2	+11.4	..
European	239.7	252.5	-1.8	..
International	189.3	199.3	-0.4	..
Fixed Interest	128.3	135.2	+1.0	..
Index Linked	111.8	117.6	-3.6	..
Deposit	116.0	122.3	+0.2	..
Managed	173.4	182.6	-0.5	..
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN				
041-248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	978.3	1006.5	..	..
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENTS				
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Safety Fund	134.0	141.1	-0.4	..
Growth Fund	144.3	151.9	-1.1	..
Opportunity Fund	148.0	155.8	-1.3	..
Cash Fund	107.0	112.7	+0.2	..
European Fund	199.0	209.5	-0.7	..
Gilts & Fxd Int Fund	116.5	122.7	-0.8	..
Index-Linked Fund	104.5	110.0	-2.4	..
International Fund	163.8	172.5	-2.0	..
North American Fd	123.6	130.2	-3.0	..
Pacific Fund	219.8	231.4	+1.4	..
Property Fund	107.7	113.4	..	..
UK Equity	150.7	158.7	-2.1	..
UK Smaller	174.2	183.4	-1.3	..
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT				
6 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA				
031-556 9181				
Mixed	169.4	178.5	-1.6	..
Equity	193.6	203.9	-1.3	..
International	196.4	206.9	-2.3	..
Property	115.5	121.7	-0.1	..
Fixed Interest	125.0	131.7	+0.7	..
Index Linked	106.8	112.5	-3.7	..
Cash	117.2	123.5	+0.1	..
SCOTTISH WIDOWS				
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU				
031-655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	528.4		+1.4	..
Inv Pol 2	487.6	513.4	+1.4	..
Inv Pol 3	476.0	501.1	+1.3	..
Inv Cash	186.3	196.2	+0.2	..
Mixed Fund	272.0	286.4	-1.3	..
Equity Fund	331.2	348.7	-2.2	..
Property Fund	147.7	155.6	+0.1	..
International Fund	271.7	286.1	-0.9	..
Fixed Interest Fund	202.0	212.7	+0.8	..
Indexed Stock Fund	116.7	122.9	-4.0	..
Cash Fund	137.4	144.7	+0.1	..
SKANDIA LIFE				
Frobisher Hse, Nelsons Gate, Southampton SO9 7BX				
0703 334411				
Managed Accum	244.3	257.1	-3.2	..
Equity Accum	271.4	285.6	-6.2	..
International Accum	262.5	276.3	-3.2	..
Property	158.9	167.3	+0.1	..
Arbuthnot Mngd	162.8	171.3	-1.6	..
Britannia Mngd	133.8	140.8	-0.5	..
Framlington Mngd	142.2	149.6	-0.3	..
Gartmore Mngd	161.9	170.4	-2.8	..
Henderson Mngd	156.1	164.3	-2.4	..
TSB Managed	132.0	138.9	-1.6	..
North European	216.6	227.9	..	..
Pacific	191.9	202.0	+1.8	..
Intl Recovery	172.9	181.9	-3.8	..
Gilt Plus Accum	186.6	196.4	-1.8	..
North American	124.6	131.1	-3.6	..
Deposit	162.9	171.5	..	..
STANDARD LIFE				
3, George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ				
031-225-2552				
Managed	391.4	412.1	-0.2	..
Property	194.8	205.1	+0.1	..
Equity	540.3	568.8	+5.2	..
International	379.3	399.3	-11.0	..
Fixed Interest	234.8	247.2	+1.8	..
Index Linked	121.0	127.4	-3.5	..
Cash	164.0	172.7	+0.1	..
SUN ALLIANCE				
Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex				
0403 64141				
Managed Fund	406.1	427.5	-0.4	..
Equity Fund	535.4	563.6	+1.8	..
Fixed Interest Fund	277.0	291.6	+0.8	..
Index Linked Fund	162.4	171.0	-4.5	..
Property Fund	265.9	281.0	+0.1	..
International Fund	361.6	380.7	-3.3	..
N American Fund	121.3	127.7	-5.0	..
Far East Fund	207.4	218.4	+2.5	..
Deposit Fund	180.9	190.5	+0.3	..
International Bond	£46.22		-0.14	..
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Growth Account	912.8		+6.3	..
Managed Account	459.8		-2.9	..
Equity Account	639.5		-8.8	..
Mngd Fund Accum	218.4	229.9	-1.4	..
Equity Fund Accum	289.1	304.3	-4.1	..
Prop Fund Accum	154.0	162.1	+0.1	..
Fixed Int Fd Acc	173.9	183.0	-0.2	..
Intl Fund Accum	299.1	314.9	+0.3	..
Money Fund Accum	134.2	141.3	+0.3	..
Indx-Linkd Scs Acc	122.4	128.9	-0.7	..
Pers Pens Account	890.2		-31.1	..
Pens Mngd Account	418.7	440.7	-10.4	..
Pens Guarantee	117.0	123.2	+0.2	..
Pens Equity	162.6	171.1	-4.4	..
Pens Property	118.1	124.3	+0.2	..
Pens Fixed Int	133.4	140.4	-3.1	..
Pens Intl	136.1	143.2	-5.4	..
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Fixed Int Accum	224.9	236.8	+3.8	..
Index-Linked Accum	116.2	122.4	-4.1	..
Cash Accum	185.9	196.8	+0.2	..
Amer Equity Accum	200.1	210.7	-8.4	..
US Bonds Accum	120.1	126.5	-1.0	..
Japan Accum	261.2	275.0	+5.8	..
Pacific Accum	154.4	162.6	-5.1	..
Far Eastern Accum	481.0	506.4	+9.6	..
International Accum	358.7	377.6	-2.7	..
US Dollar Accum	92.3	97.2	-0.1	..
Yen Accum	127.5	134.3	-0.6	..
Euro Cur Accum	115.3	121.4	-0.2	..
Distribution Fund	195.7	206.1	..	7.47
European	..		..	..
TSB LIFE LTD				
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0264 56789				
Managed Fund	160.4	168.9	-1.8	..
Property Fund	119.5	125.9	+0.1	..
Fixed Interest Fund	137.7	145.1	+0.5	..
Money Fund	121.2	127.7	+0.1	..
Equity Fund	211.9	223.1	-3.5	..
TARGET LIFE				
Target House, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury Bucks				
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American Eagle	108.8	114.4	-3.0	..
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Commodity	129.2	136.1	-1.7	..
Deposit	159.5	167.9	+0.1	..
Energy	52.3	55.1	..	..
Financial	213.8	225.1	-0.6	..
Fixed International	170.5	179.5	+6.7	..
Gold	183.8	193.5	-10.5	..
Income	253.2	266.8	+2.1	..
International Equity	353.0	371.6	-1.2	..
Japan	332.8	350.4	+5.9	..
Malay & Singapore	94.5	99.5	..	..
Managed	432.2	455.0	-1.8	..
Managed Currency	95.4	100.5	-0.1	..
Managed Prop	142.0	149.5	..	..
Pacific	193.5	203.7	-0.1	..
Preference	147.0	154.8	-0.5	..
Property	266.0	280.0	-0.2	..
Special Situations	252.8	266.2	+4.3	..
Sterling	6.5		..	..
Technology	100.3	105.6	-3.1	..
UK Equity	547.8	587.2	+1.7	..
US Special Bond	193.2	203.4	+0.5	..
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Series 2 Equity Fund	361.2	380.2	-10.5	..
Series 2 Prop Fund	366.4	385.6	-6.7	..
Series 2 Fix Int Fund	237.4	249.8	-2.0	..
Series 2 Money Fd	158.1	166.4	+0.1	..
Series 2 O'seas Fd	279.0	293.6	-4.5	..
Tulip Invest Fund	299.1	314.8	+0.3	..
Tulip Mangd Fund	404.6	425.8	-9.6	..
Mngd Inv Fd Int	274.1	288.5	-6.8	..
Do Accum	334.8	352.2	-7.7	..
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Managed Fund	329.2	346.6	-5.6	..
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Property Fund	327.0	344.3	+0.2	..
American	252.4	265.6	-10.2	..
UK Equity Fund	374.2	394.0	-7.5	..
High Yield Fund	457.2	481.3	-4.6	..
Gilt Edged Fund	264.8	278.9	-3.5	..
Money Fund	245.1	258.1	+0.1	..
International	259.1	272.9	-3.1	..
Growth Cap	293.2	308.7	-3.1	..
Do Accum	376.6	396.5	-6.5	..
Perpetual Act	164.9	173.6	-3.3	..
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TYNDALL ASSURANCE				
401, St John Street,				
8 London EC1V 4QE 01-837 6494				
3-Way Fund	358.4		-2.3	..
Equity	613.0		-5.9	..
Bond	392.6		-1.4	..
Property Fund	211.7		+0.2	..
O'seas Inv Fund	613.0		-5.9	..
UK Investment	557.0		-3.8	..
Deposit Fund	236.5		+2.5	..
UK Equity	253.3	266.7	-0.4	..
N American Equity	176.5	185.8	-4.1	..
Far East Equity	314.6	331.2	+5.8	..
Fixed	176.4	185.7	-1.1	..
Cash Deposit	128.1	134.9	+0.2	..
Property	114.2	120.3	..	..
Special Opp	323.7	340.8	+1.1	..
Managed	225.0	236.9	-1.6	..
Index-Linked Fd	119.5	125.8	-3.0	..
Star Mngd 2	229.1	241.2	-0.6	..
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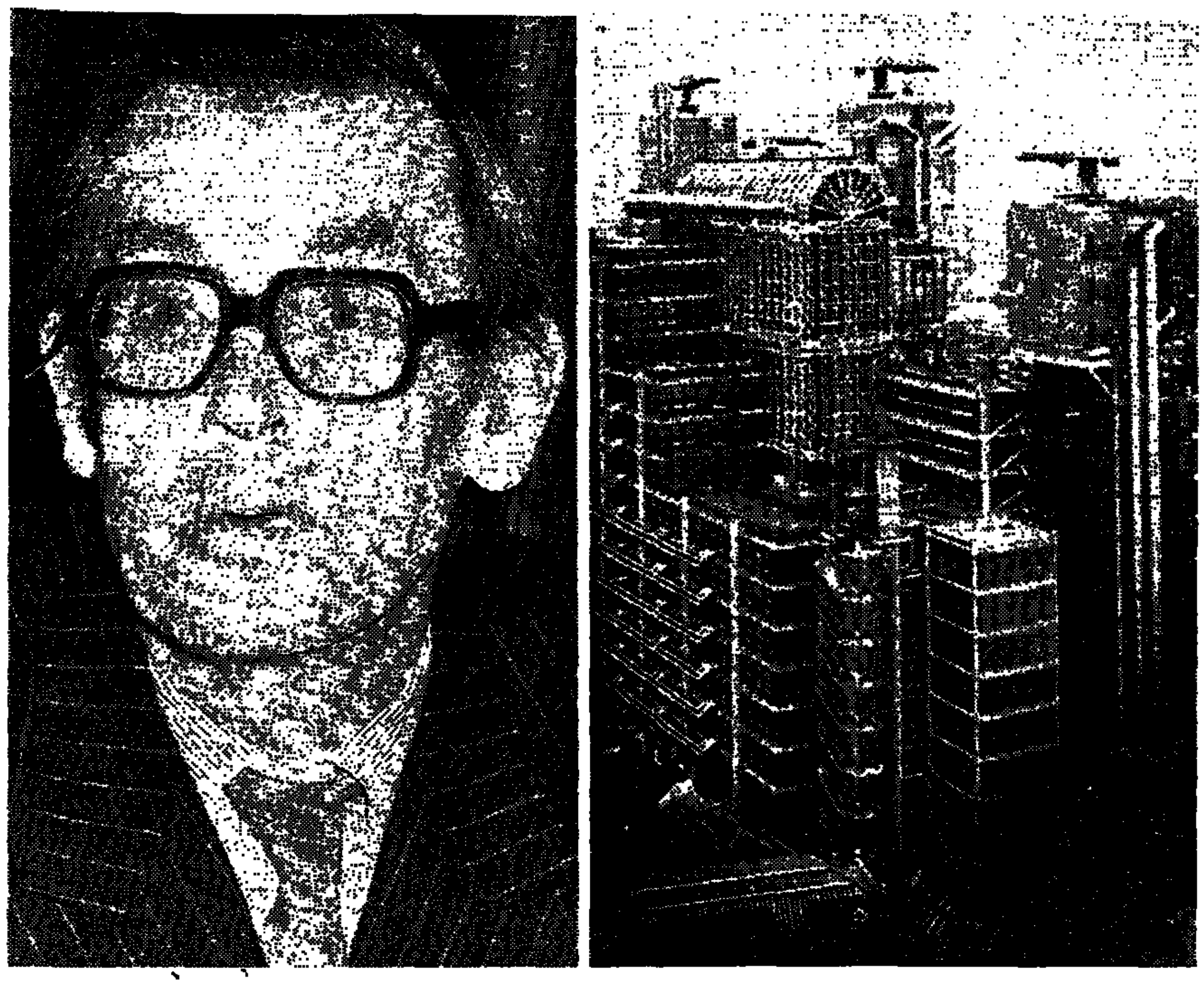
Fixed Interest Fund	355.0	373.7	+1.0	..
Property Fund	273.3	287.7	+0.1	..
Cash Fund	222.7	234.5	+0.2	..
Pacific Basin Fd	177.8	187.2	-1.5	..
N American Fd	143.0	150.6	-7.3	..
Euro Fund	194.0	204.3	-3.4	..

Man of words, man of action

With Lloyd's of London back in the news over the PCW scandal, JOHN ROBERTS talks to the market's former chief executive Ian Davison about financial regulation



The accountant and his work: Ian Davison resigned as chief executive of Lloyd's to make sure that an inquiry was held

Ian Davison is in no doubt about the importance of political pressure in the regulation of financial services.

The man who is sometimes known as Ian Hay Davison is the former managing partner of leading accountants Arthur Andersen, the company to which he is now an adviser. He sees the issues with perhaps unique insight.

He has operated within the statutory system as an inspector appointed by the Department of Trade and Industry to carry out investigations under the Companies Acts and has been at the fulcrum of self-regulation as the first chief executive of Lloyd's, recruited by the Governor of the Bank of England and appointed in February 1983 after the insurance market had become a byword for scandal.

He says: "Twenty years ago the merchant banks delayed announcing a bid until the directors had made their dealing arrangements.

"And the merchant banks' investment departments would buy shares and then decide later who had bought them, depending on whether the price went up or down.

"Today, of course, both those activities are illegal, but the vigour with which the matter is now being pursued reflects the lethargy of the past."

The Grays Building Society was brought to its knees as a result of a large-scale fraud by its chief executive, who had committed suicide. Mr Davison and his fellow inspector then produced their report in an unprecedentedly short 12 months. Whereas the culprit could not be prosecuted, they recommended a number of changes in building society regulation.

'Indirect action can be effective'

Nigel Lawson, then Financial Secretary to the Treasury, wrote to Mr Davison that no parliamentary time was available for the changes in the law proposed.

Later, however, Mr Davison learned that the Chief Register of Friendly Societies had gone the rounds of the building societies' boards, having first sent them a copy of the report. The proposals had been implemented.

"Indirect action can be effective," he concludes.

His own resignation as chief executive at Lloyd's in February 1986 created a sensation. He explains: "I used my resignation to engineer the Neill Inquiry, which Lloyd's has had to accept. It was an entirely deliberate act. I was an agent for change."

His own book on the subject, *A View of the Room*, will be published some time in mid-June. "It does not reveal anything which has not already been disclosed somewhere, and is not a personal memoir," he says.

It is written for the Lloyd's "names", the wealthy non-working members who put their all at risk to underwrite policies sold in that market.

In the book he quotes Adam Smith's dictum in *The Wealth of Nations* about merchants never meeting even for innocent amusement without conspiring against the public at large. For Mr Davison takes a guarded view of self-regulation. "We are seeing the closing chapter of self-regulation," he says. "The balance which has been struck in the new regulatory framework is the product of political forces and I'd be amazed if it were right.

"Self-regulation is a peculiarly British institution and the only other countries in the world where it has been adopted are those close to Britain, similar in their style of government. It is based on the principle that practitioners know what goes on in their markets, setting a thief to catch a thief.

"But to work, the participants must know each other and know that peer pressure will be a discipline. Peer pressure was, but is no longer, sufficient. The participants don't know each other, with the internationalization of markets.

"In favour of self-regulation is that the rule-makers, if they are the participants, know what the game is: there is a pressure to comply with the spirit rather than the letter of the law; it's cheaper; and the practitioners feel that the drafters of the rules know what they're talking about.

"But when the interests of the professionals conflict with the public interest, some cases have occurred in the Law Society, with accountants and at Lloyd's, where the interests of insiders have won against public interest.

"If you are going to ensure that the public is protected — which is essential if we are going to have popular capitalism — then you have to distinguish between legislating and enforcement. If the players draft the rules that is good, but if they police the rules, that was the trouble at Lloyd's."

On his appointment to Lloyd's, Mr Davison promised to look right through the barrel to the bottom and chuck out the rotten apples.

"We had a powerful policing body of young accountants and solicitors at Lloyd's and couldn't have done it otherwise," he recalls.

"The weakness of the SIB relying on the Department of Trade and Industry is that it is pretty lethargic. That is the only reason for the lack of prosecution of fraud at Lloyd's. There has still not been a single prosecution."

Mr Davison had a distinguished career in the accountancy profession. He is the son of an accountant who told him: "You can be anything you like, so long as it's a chartered accountant." He joined Arthur Andersen when the American accounting firm had only 18 staff in Britain.

He became UK managing partner of what had become an international practice when the staff in this country totalled about 180 and he held the top post for an unusually long 16 years.

Waiting in the wings for another role

The numbers here had swelled to more than 2,000 by the time he left to join Lloyd's.

But where now? At the age of 55, is Mr Davison waiting in the wings for another major role to play instead of the many lesser — but still significant — ones he occupies today? He would not freely admit it.

He says that if a headhunter offered him a key post, he "wouldn't want to know". Then he adds: "Well, I suppose I might, but I'd be very choosy."

Meanwhile, he has the satisfaction of having written his book. Perhaps publication will prove cathartic after what by others' accounts was an unhappy, near-traumatic, experience at Lloyd's and Mr Davison will be offered and will accept another major assignment.

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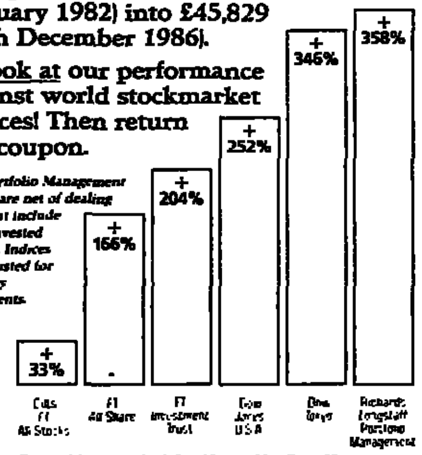

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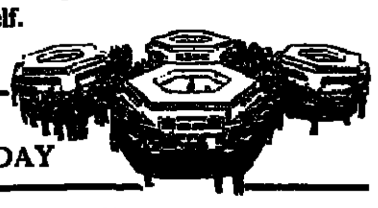

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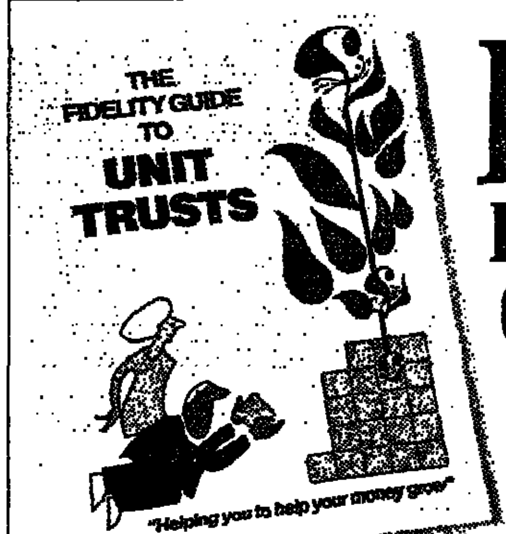
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Homes for the old folk, without the council

The desire to own one's own home is engrained in the British psyche. At the last count, 65 per cent of the adult population were owner-occupiers and surveys suggest that more strive to be so.

However, owning a house involves responsibility and expense, which becomes increasingly onerous in old age.

Statistics show that the number of elderly people is growing. Improved standards of living and more sophisticated medical techniques mean that life expectancy is also increasing.

Between 1951 and 1981 the number of people in Britain aged over 60 more than trebled from three million to 11 million. This trend is expected to continue until at least the end of the century. The bias towards those aged 75 and over will also increase.

Many elderly people look for accommodation that combines independence with security and minimal administrative worries. Sheltered housing does much to meet their needs.

In the public sector, such housing has been traditionally provided by local authorities and housing associations. In *the private sector, almshouses* have led the field.

Until recently there has been little sheltered housing available for people wishing to continue as owner-occupiers. Now, however, developers have recognized the opportunities in providing sheltered housing for sale.

There is an age qualification for residency of at least 55, though the units can be owned by anyone.

Typically, the homes are built in blocks as self-contained flats with facilities such as a communal living-room and a laundry. Some developers build bungalows but this obviously uses more land and is expensive.

Care is taken in choosing a site as residents expect shops and other services to be within walking distance.

Management by a housing association

The units have special design features to make life easier, such as waist-level plugs and switches, easily turned door handles and safety-designed baths.

Other features normally include a security system to deter intruders and a safety alarm link from the residents' accommodation to the warden's quarters.

Any surrounding land and the building will be maintained by the managing agent. *Limited car parking is sometimes* provided, usually for a modest charge.

Often a ground rent is levied and a service charge made.

The management of such properties is usually passed on by the developer to a housing association, but McCarthy & Stone, the leaders in the market, successfully manage projects by other developers as well as their own.

Most units are sold on a 99-year lease but some are freehold. Sometimes a resale fee is payable. The price of the units is closely linked to house prices in the area as most potential buyers aim both to finance their new purchase and to release capital tied up in existing property.

Although most clients are cash buyers, some raise a mortgage. This is not always easy for an elderly person but there are organizations that can help with finance.

One such is Home for Life (0293 552751), which represents institutional investors, normally pension funds, and offers a sheltered home for the rest of the resident's *life* in exchange for a capital sum that is lower than the full cost of the unit.

Thereafter, the property reverts to the investment company for resale on behalf of the investors. Shared ownership schemes on this basis are also available.

This type of financing is designed for people whose *dependants* are well-off but who do not wish to tie up all their capital in sheltered housing.

The health of residents in sheltered housing varies considerably but most schemes do not offer residential nursing care or food. This creates a problem as the residents grow older. In response to this, McCarthy & Stone has extended its sheltered housing operation to include nursing care as well as intermediate sheltered care for those needing additional supervision and meals.

Few existing nursing or residential-care homes are purpose-built and restraints on capital mean little has been invested in facilities.

Last year, McCarthy & Stone, a publicly quoted company, opened its first residential and nursing home in Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex. However, this type of care does not come cheaply.

The price of residential care alone, leaving aside the cost of additional nursing, can be as much as £400 a week, though costs around half of this are more typical.

It is claimed that the life expectancy of people in residential care increases. At present this deters actuaries from *entering into financing* arrangments for this type of care. In nursing care, however, where life expectancy is shorter, more progress is being made on the financial front.

Schemes being considered include the payment of a lump sum on entry that guarantees a bed for life.

So far, sheltered housing has a good reputation because most of the operators are responsible people, reflecting the emotive issues involved in caring for the elderly.

However, because of the opportunities presented by the underlying demand, less scrupulous operators could in time establish a presence.

The market for sheltered accommodation and its offshoots is far from saturated. Studies by the *University of* Surrey suggest that the potential for sheltered housing alone is for 400,000 units, or 25,000 a year, until the end of the century.

In 1987, the clear market leader is expected to complete only 2,500 units.

Current projections suggest a 33 per cent increase in residential and nursing care during the next 25 years, most of which is expected to be taken up by the private sector.

Developers are accepting the challenge and sheltered housing will become an increasingly prominent part of the residential property sector.

Alexandra Jackson

Good housing may bring as many smiles as Mrs Woodhouse

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Alfred McAlpine (0732 458655)	Berkshire	52,000	2	9.33	No charge	7.88	6.58	Free
Anglia Secure Homes (0206 763976)	Essex	47,000	1	11.69	2.50	8.71	6.25	Free
Barratt Developments (01-630 5721)	West London	60,000	1	10.95	No charge	7.86	5.50	Free
McCarthy & Stone (0425 616070)	Avon	42,000	1	6.15	3.85	7.85	3.85	2.00
Laing Homes (01-207 6522)	Berkshire	53,500	1	10.38	No charge	7.69	5.44	Free
Wimpey Homes (01-846 2283)	Hampshire	35,500	1	9.00	No charge	5.72	4.50	Free

* Most developments provide guest rooms at a nominal charge ** Many purchasers will be eligible for rate rebates † Flats are metered separately and often operate on Economy 7 central heating systems

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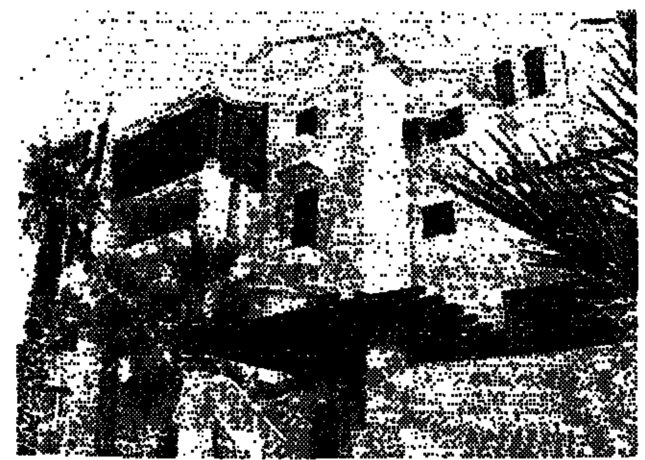


Buy in Spain — but see a lawyer before signing

It is estimated that UK purchasers now account for half of all overseas property purchasing in Spain. About 25,000 of us acquired holiday or retirement homes there during 1986.

Hard-sell techniques and naivety on the part of some purchasers have resulted, inevitably, in certain instances of half-finished schemes for which the hapless owner has paid in full, developments that do not have the promised leisure or even proper electricity and sewerage services, and, more common, properties that the purchaser has acquired, via a private contract, and on which the developer has a mortgage. If the bank should foreclose on the latter, the new "owner" loses everything.

It cannot be stressed too often that no one should sign a binding private contract with either an agent or a developer, especially after an inspection visit, until independent legal advice has been sought. However reputable an agent may be, any legal advice he offers cannot, by definition, purport to be independent, as at the end of the day his clients are the vendors.

Apart from checking the financial viability of a developer, a lawyer will check with the local land registry that the proper planning permissions have been obtained. When dealing with off-plan sales, a developer should obtain a guarantee of completion policy either from a bank or an insurance company.

Once the various details have been checked out, a private contract of purchase is signed and normally a 10 per cent non-refundable deposit is then paid.

Spanish exchange controls require all foreign currencies to be imported through a convertible peseta account and a certificate of importation must be obtained. Without this, it will be extremely difficult to export cash, should the property eventually be sold.

Once the entire purchase price is paid for the property, the *escritura*, or official title deed, will be issued by the local notary and the new ownership will be lodged in the local land registry. At this stage it is sensible to make a will and leave a copy filed with the *escritura*. A British will can cause all kinds of complications and any reputable lawyer will certainly advise his client accordingly.

Spanish succession tax begins at around 13 per cent for spouses and, in theory, can rise as high as 70 per cent for a non-relative, so a shared purchase should be registered in joint names if possible. The Spanish law of inheritance bypasses wives in favour of children, should there be no instruction otherwise.

Purchasers should allow a further 9 per cent of the price paid to cover essential legal and registration fees. The property tax, or stamp duty amounts to an average of 6.5 per cent, which rises to 12.5 per cent for building plots and commercial premises. The notary's fee will be between 0.8 and 1.5 per cent, depending on the notary used. The juridical act tax is 0.5 per cent and the land registry fees are usually 1 per cent.

Plus valia, the municipal capital gains tax, is calculated on resale on the registered value of the home and in theory the vendor is responsible for its payment. But purchasers will find themselves liable for any sum due, should the vendor sign over the property without paying it beforehand.

There is a Spanish annual wealth tax, *declaracion de patrimonio*, paid in March every year and calculated on the basis of 0.2 per cent of your Spanish assets over an average of about £45,000.

The international department of the Birmingham solicitors Glaisyers has published a booklet explaining the legal complexities of buying a home in Spain and a copy can be obtained free of charge from: Glaisyers, Alpha Tower, Suffolk Street, Queensway, Birmingham B1 1TR. In addition, specialist UK agents including the Salisbury-based Fincasol (0722 26444) and Overseas Residential Properties in Hertfordshire (024029 8152), have detailed purchasing fact sheets.

Those profitable plots

The old chaps apparently lurking in the lean-to shed are actually potting rather than pottering. These legionaries of toil are doing much the same as their counterparts on more than 480,000 allotment plots — 49,000 acres in all — throughout England and Wales at this time of year.

That is, they are mulching down the main crop vegetables, planting early potatoes, and bedding in the gladdies, hoping everything will grow as fast as the weeds and assorted garbage so generously dumped by passing members of the public, and meanwhile praying that their produce will not be stolen.

Whether they are cultivating for pleasure or profit, to supplement low wages or pensions, plotholders in some areas also feel beleaguered by local authorities and parish councils, which comprise the main allotment landlords.

Other sites are owned by British Coal, British Rail, various churches, and private individuals.

Their concern is that councils may be deliberately neglecting sites and raising rents, thereby reducing the appeal of allotments and enabling a case to be made for "privatization" by selling the land to developers.

It is not clear why councils should have to contemplate such subterfuge when, under the 1980 Local Government Planning & Land Act, they have the right of disposal over statutory allotments, even though this is subject to the consent of the Environment Secretary, and also the provision of alternatives for displaced plotholders.

A private Bill introduced by Lord Wallace of Coslany in 1984 to put allotment gardening on a secure footing was unsuccessful.

Today development pressures clearly threaten some allotment sites, and certain councils fail to meet the demand for plots. There is, nevertheless, evidence of a caring approach by other authorities, which encourage self-management of sites by the occupants.

Valued source of cheaper food

The question of demand is similarly muddy. Some claim the overall outlook is one of decline. Yet according to the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners (NSALG), which is doing a "Domesday" survey of the position, about 100,000 people are registered on council waiting lists for plots.

Dating at least from the Parliamentary enclosures of the 18th century, and later granted automatically to miners, railwaymen and farm workers, allotments may well seem anachronistic now; the more so if one's yardstick is the two world wars, when more than 1.3 million plots were dug for victory.

It would be a bold politician, however, who assumes from the historically lower demand in peacetime that the *need* for allotments is fading. This survives as surely as in the days when Jesse Collings demanded "three acres and a cow" for every agricultural labourer.

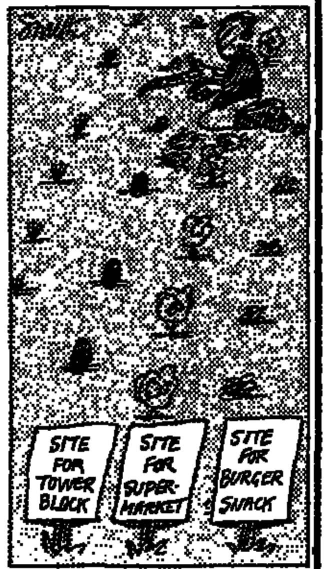
Only 9 per cent of plots today extend to more than one acre — most are under one-eighth of an acre — and cows are rather less welcome than a modicum of hens and goats. Yet allotments remain a much valued source of cheaper food.

Under intensive cultivation, tended daily with love, manure, and own-grown seeds, the average plot can provide enough vegetables, fruit and flowers for two people right through the year at about a quarter of the cost of bought-in supplies.

There will also be sufficient surplus produce to yield ample quantities of home-made wine.

Unemployed people, pensioners, the widowed, and the blind derive particular cost-saving benefits from their allotments. These groups, incidentally, qualify for free advice and reduced-price seeds under an NSALG assistance scheme.

It is less appreciated, thanks to the irremediably "cloth cap" image, that plots are now held by a multi-cultural cross-section of every community, including garden-less professionals, civil servants, the self-employed, and single-status flat-dwellers. And not just for reasons of fresh air or exercise, either.



If their need is not so financially pressing, they none the less see no reason to pay shop prices when an allotment can be made to more than recoup the annual average rent of £25-£30, and the similar outlay required for seedlings.

It is probably a waste of time, money and effort to invest heavily in crops that can be bought at year-round low retail prices — potatoes and carrots, for example. Better by far to concentrate on items such as celery, leeks, beans, tomatoes, cauliflower, raspberries, strawberries, herbs and those plants for which flower shops now charge insultingly high prices.

Nicholas Cole

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1980	£1,200	£1,265
1981	£1,056	£1,284
1982	£1,003	£1,292
1983	£ 825	£1,338
1984	£ 849	£1,423
1985	£ 907	£1,617
1986	£ 750	£1,846

NOTES:
1 Net of tax to a basic-rate taxpayer.
2 Based on the Building Societies Association's recommended rate of return + 1½% on fully paid shares.
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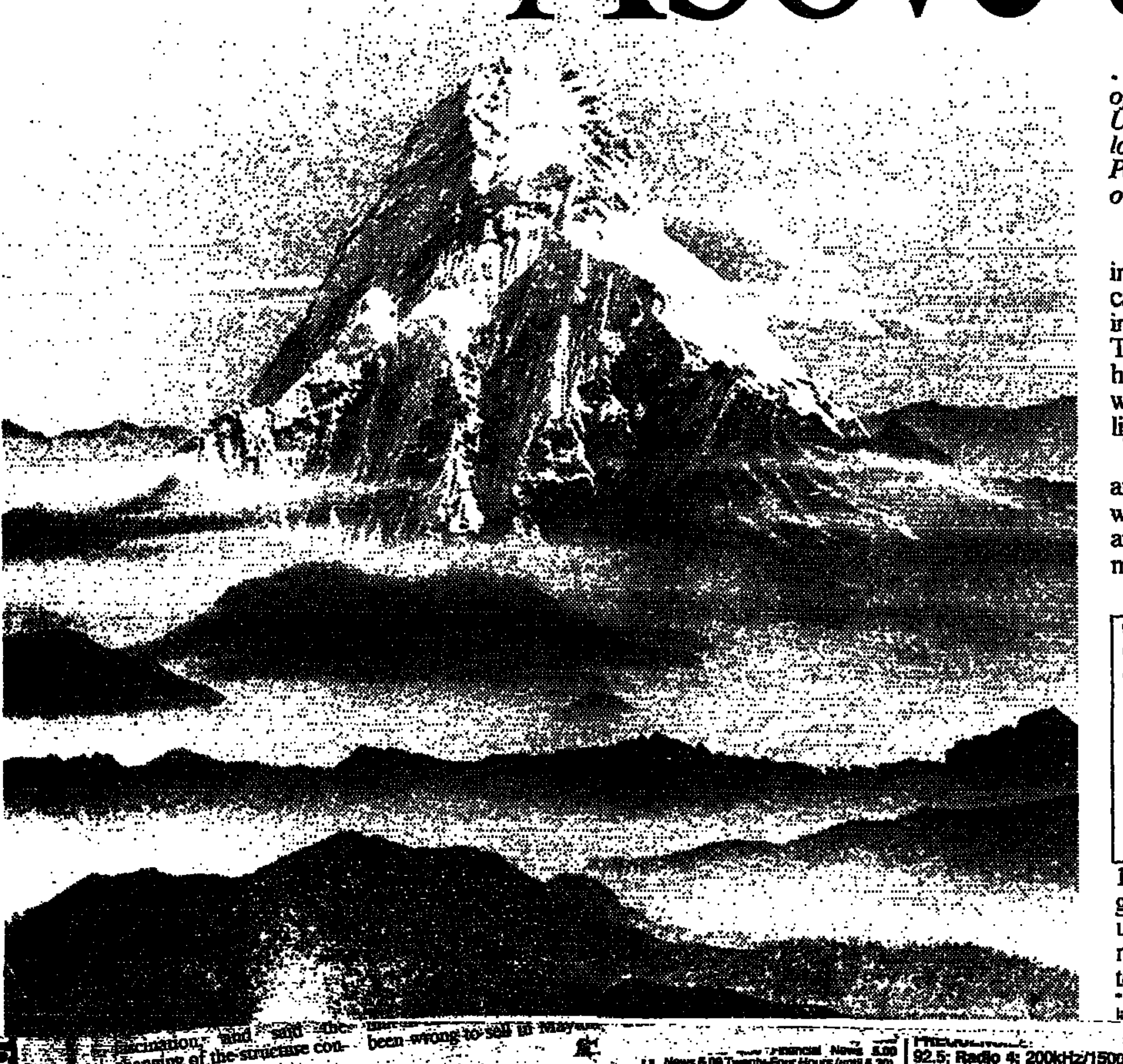

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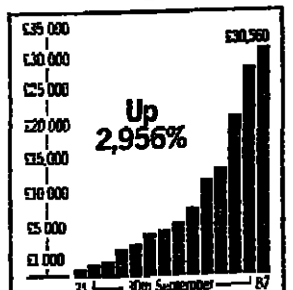

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The first main part of the tax return is for collecting information about your income. Here you could commit sins of omission by leaving out some of your income, inadvertently or otherwise. Remember, there are many sources of information available to the taxman, so you should take particular care.

There are two main types of tax return — the abridged version in blue and the fuller version in brown. We shall be referring to the brown type, Form 11P(1987).

Photocopy your return before sending it off. The guidance notes have a space for a copy of your answers but a proper photocopy of your return is infinitely safer.

The front of Form 11P asks you to give the inspector of taxes details of your pension and how it is paid and to tell him whether either husband or wife reaches the age of 60 this tax year.

Over the page, the form (sections 1 to 8) asks about income from "employment etc", for both husband and wife. The husband is normally responsible for reporting his wife's income and allowable expenditure. In this part you give details of all your employments, full-time and part-time, but not your self-employed earnings, which are asked for later on.

The distinction between employed and self-employed is usually reasonably clear. If you work for an agency, you will normally be treated as an employee and you will be taxed under PAYE, unless you are, for example, an actor, or a builder in the special sub-contractor scheme. In these cases, you will normally be treated as self-employed.

Tips and benefits not usually included

Most employees receive a note of their employment income on Form P60 from their employer. The figures you should include in sections 1 to 3 of the earnings part of the form should usually be taken from Form P60.

However, the figure may take into account any employee's contributions you have made into your employer's pension scheme. You should enter the income figure after deducting your pension scheme contributions. Do not include retirement annuity or personal pension plan contributions as a deduction under this heading.

Form P60 does not normally include details of tips and benefits or expense allowances. Expenses that you are paid and taxable perks will be included on Form P11D, or its equivalent, which your employer should send to the Inland Revenue about now.

There is no requirement on the employer to show you this return but it is worth getting a copy for two reasons. First, you should see that your employer makes no mistakes, for example, about your expenses or when you changed your company car or whether you received petrol for private mileage. Secondly, you should make sure your P11D return and the figure you enter in your personal tax return match. You will have to ask your employer for the form as it will probably not arrive automatically.

Most of your expenses will be allowable against tax, no doubt, but details of your deductions should normally be included in section 56. Certain expenses can be left out if your employer has managed to negotiate a "dispensation" scheme with the Revenue.

Leaving payments and compensation payments are dealt with in box 6. If you have left an employment with a termination payment, redundancy payment or an amount compensating you for your loss of job, the first £25,000 is likely to be tax-free. However, these payments must not be remuneration for work done.

Any excess over £25,000 will be taxed, but on a special basis. The excess will be added to your other income for the year and the next £50,000 will be taxed at 50 per cent of the tax you would normally have to pay if you received your lump sum before June 4, 1986. Thereafter, the amount is fully taxable.

However, if you received a lump sum on or after this date, only a further £25,000 (that is, up to a total of £50,000) is subject to half the normal tax, and three-quarters of the tax normally due is payable on the next £25,000. The Revenue discovered last year that the original legislation on this tax relief was defective — hence the change in June. So, if you have received a compensation payment of more than £25,000 your employer should have deducted tax on the normal PAYE basis and you could get a rebate.

Section 7 asks about taxed sums you might have received from an approved "profit-sharing scheme". This refers to a specific type of arrangement involving trustees buying shares for you in your employer company. Income tax normally arises only if the shares are disposed of during the two years after their acquisition.

If you think it might apply to you check with your employer.

Your income tax liability is substantially affected depending on whether you are resident here. You can escape tax on earnings where you have spent sufficient time abroad. However, the rules can be complicated and certainly the Revenue's back-up notes to the tax return do not do the subject justice (not surprisingly). Leaflet IR20 sets out the main rules.

Precise dates of exit and return needed

Nevertheless, at this point you should be aware that "residence and ordinary residence" are not straightforward concepts. For example, they may not just mean where you live. Moreover, although being abroad for 365 days does indeed qualify you for a special deduction on your overseas earnings, you can come back to the UK during a 365-day period, but only subject to some complex rules where precise dates of exit and return are paramount.

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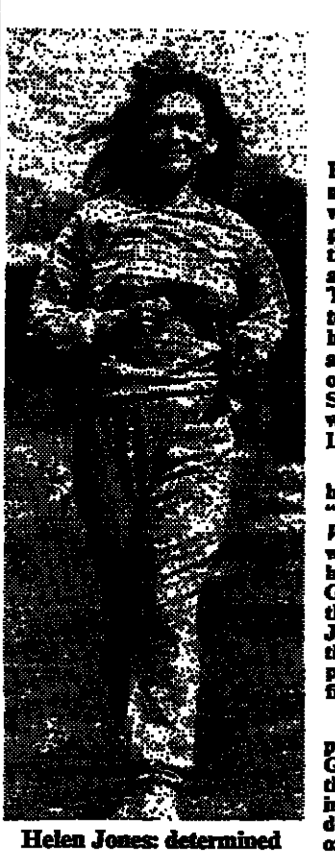
ATHLETICS: A MARATHON NOVICE JUMPS IN AT THE DEEP END

Long road for learner

By David Powell



Helen Jones: determined

Helen Jones admits she has much to learn and little time in which to learn it before she takes part in the Mars London Marathon as one of the 12 successful applicants in *The Times*/-Tandem Computers competition to find fund-runners. Not only has Miss Jones never attempted a marathon, she has never met or spoken to a marathon runner. She doesn't know who holds the world best or who won the London Marathon last year.

Living in Wales, Miss Jones has heard of Steve Jones — "because he has run in the *Western Mail* half-marathon, which is one of only three races I have done". She knows Mike Gratton's name, "but I can't think of any more". Yet Miss Jones is part of the reason why the London race on May 10 will produce the biggest marathon field in history.

Some 23,000 runners are expected to make the journey from Greenwich to Westminster, even though the numbers participating in marathons nationally are down. In Kent, for example, four of the six marathons inaugurated in the wake of London's success have been discontinued due to lack of competitors. But charity runners such as Miss Jones are as crucial to London's vitality as the élite and club competitors.

"I am more into raising money for charity than taking part," Miss Jones confesses with a freshness that will do nothing to appease the thousands of serious athletes who fail each year to gain acceptance and who believe they are more deserving. "I know I can't complete it by jogging all the way — I plan to do it by a combination of walking and jogging. I hope they won't have packed up by the time I finish".

She may have left her training late — Miss Jones started on Monday with a four-mile stint — but she is confident her determination to raise money for the British Bone Marrow Donor Appeal will help her complete the course. Another £90,000 is needed on top of the £410,000 raised since the appeal was launched last October to establish a computerized national register of potential bone marrow donors.

The appeal's co-founder, Malcolm Thomas, whose daughter, Alexandra, died a month ago from aplastic anaemia, a condition in which the bone marrow is destroyed, said: "It is crucial that people get their donor at the press of a button, not months and months later. There is not a register in the world of the size or comprehensiveness of the one we are creating."

Miss Jones's urge to help others began when raising money to buy a buffalo for a leprosy centre in India. Other organizations that have benefited since are the Spastics Society, the British Heart Foundation, Live Aid and a hospital near Cardiff, where Miss Jones lives. To ensure that the British Bone Marrow Donor Appeal moves closer to its target, the 29-year-old French and Italian teacher is going to need some help herself. "My next job is to go to the leisure centre in Cardiff to see if I can find someone who has done a marathon. I could do with some advice."

Another bumper harvest would bury seeds of doubt for Jones

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Jones: back to basics

When the seeds of doubt are beginning to proliferate, 26-and-a-quarter miles is a long and lonely furrow to sow them in. Yet after his European Championship disaster last September, Steve Jones still goes to the start of the Boston Marathon on Monday morning with more questions than answers.

Jones was the solitary reaper of a bumper marathon harvest with big-money wins in Chicago in 1984, and London and Chicago again in 1985. But The Grim Reaper took over in Stuttgart last September. Leading by two minutes at half-way, Jones maintains that he did not hit the "wall" — the depletion of the body's reserves dreaded by all distance runners. But he certainly gave a good impression of someone clambering over heaps of rubble as he staggered into the stadium in twentieth place.

"I didn't feel as if I was going any slower, but I was doing six minutes a kilometre where I'd been doing three in the first half. My brain was running at the same speed as my legs. It was like I was drugged or hypnotized," Jones said.

Jones blamed dehydration, "but there must have been something else, although it's nothing I can put my finger on". Corporal Jones went back to his RAF job and recovered well enough by November to finish second in an American 10km road race, and even better, runner-up to Pat Porter in the United States cross-country championships.

But then, as winter came, the accompanying injuries that are the stock-in-trade of the distance runner, followed. "I slipped on ice, and strained my groin. And then there are the other little things you get every five or six weeks that make you have a few days off. The older you get, it's always a little bit harder to find the motivation to get back.

Jones admitted that he ignored the warning signs of his poor running in hot weather prior to Stuttgart. There are similar portents now. And although he has been talking as good a race as he can, the overall impression is that Jones would be better conserving his breath for Monday. A few hours before his tenth participation in the world cross-country championships, in Warsaw last month, he remembered: "I ran really poorly my first time, I was 103rd." That afternoon, he finished 107th.

Things looked better in Hampshire the following week, when he won the Fleet half-marathon in one hour two minutes 54 seconds. And although that remains the best pointer to his chances in Boston, Jones went through the half-way in both Chicago and Stuttgart a minute better than that. Going into his final preparation race, the AAA 10km road championship in Hemel Hempstead two weeks ago, a race he had won in 1984, Jones said he was looking "for around 28 minutes - 28.20". He finished well down, in 29.14.

In Warsaw, he had even gone so far as to suggest a cure for his uncertain form. "I'd just like to take a period where I don't have to race, just concentrate on training for a while.

It's not the attitude of a man bursting to get to the starting line. And doing well enough to get selection for the world championship marathon in Rome this summer — "I've got to do 2:09 or better" — almost seems secondary to getting to the finishing line in a reasonable time and condition.

It is inevitable after an experience like Stuttgart that Jones should try and insulate himself from the possibility of repetition. But he seems to have a lot of doubt to carry such a long way, especially since it will be compounded by the company of John Treacy, Rob de Castella and Toshihiko Seko, to name only the top three of the best marathon field outside the world championship. If Jones can overcome all that, the doubts, the difficult course and the opposition, the six figure sum he will run away with will seem as little compared to the self-esteem he can command.

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Agreement to sell confers no title

Shaw v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis and Another

Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice Stocker

[Judgment April 15]

An agreement to sell did not confer title on the buyer under section 21 of the Sale of Goods Act 1979.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment when dismissing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Mr Tom Shaw and Nidd Vale Motors Ltd, from the judgment of Master Grant whereby it was held that Mr A. D. H. Natalegawa, the claimant, was entitled to claim ownership of a Porsche motor car.

Mr Rodney Ferm for the plaintiffs; Mr Robert Reid, QC and Mr Kalander Mydeen for the claimant.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said that in 1984 the claimant advertised his Porsche motor car, registration number NVS 958V, for sale. A man calling himself Jonathan London came to see him, saying he was a car dealer and wanted to purchase the car for a client. The claimant let him have the car.

Mr London agreed to sell the car to Mr Tom Shaw, a car dealer who traded in association with Nidd Vale Motors Ltd, for £11,500. The price was to be paid by a banker's draft for £10,000, and the balance in cash.

The plaintiffs' representative gave Mr London the banker's draft and they drove together to a bank. The bank was unwilling to give Mr London cash for the draft, whereupon he disappeared and had not been seen since.

In due course the police were called and they took possession of the car. The banker's draft had not been cashed. The Midland Bank reimbursed the plaintiffs with the amount of the draft, against the plaintiffs' undertaking to indemnify the bank should the draft be presented thereafter.

The plaintiffs commenced proceedings against the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, claiming that the car belonged to them. The police issued an interpleader summons, which resulted in a judgment by Master Grant in favour of the claimant.

The decisive issue was whether the plaintiffs were entitled to rely on section 21 of the Sale of Goods Act 1979, which provided: ". . . where goods are sold by a person who is not their owner, and who does not sell them under the authority or with the consent of the owner, the buyer acquires no better title to the goods than the seller had, unless the owner of the goods is by his conduct precluded from denying the seller's authority to sell."

So far as any representation went, the case came within the principles stated in *Henderson and Co v Williams* ([1895] 1 QB 521) and *Eastern Distributors Ltd v Goldring* ([1957] 2 QB 600), and if the plaintiffs had bought the car they would have acquired a good title against the claimant and, in practice, against all the world, by virtue of section 21 or, alternatively, by virtue of common law estoppel by representation, if it was different.

But the critical factor in the case was that the plaintiffs did not buy the car. They had agreed to buy it. It was conceded that the property in the car was not intended to pass until Mr London was paid. So when Mr London went into the bank to cash the draft, the moment had not yet come when the property was to pass from him to the plaintiffs. That moment never did come.

The meaning of the word "sold" in the phrase "where goods are sold" in section 21 did not appear to have been considered in any decided case or textbook, except in *Atiyah, The Sale of Goods* (7th edition (1985) p266).

On principle, it seemed that section 21 could only apply where the intermediate seller had purported to transfer the property in the goods, whether the general property or perhaps the special property.

Accordingly, his Lordship would hold that "sale" in section 21 did not include an agreement to sell, which by definition involved no transfer of property: see section 2(5) of the Act. The plaintiffs, therefore, failed because Mr London never purported to transfer the property in the car.

Lord Justice Fox and Lord Justice Stocker agreed.

Solicitors: Victor D. Zermansky & Co, Leeds; John Gittens & Co, South Lambeth.

Effective cause term need not be implied in developers' contract

Brian Cooper & Co v Fairview Estates (Investments) Ltd

Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice Russell

[Judgment March 13]

Where property developers had contracted with estate agents that commission would be payable to the agents if they introduced a client by whom the agents were unable to be retained, and with whom the developers had not been in previous communication, where those clients subsequently entered into a lease, there was no necessity to imply a term that the commission was payable only if the agents were an effective cause of the letting.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the developers, Fairview Estates (Investments) Ltd, from a decision of Judge Tibber sitting as a High Court Judge, whereby he had given judgment in favour of the estate agents, Brian Cooper & Co, for £73,831 commission and interest.

Mr John Chadwick, QC and Miss Elizabeth Gloster for Fairview; Mr T. R. A. Morison, QC and Mr Stephen Suttle for Coopers.

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF said that the dispute arose because although the estate agents were responsible for introducing the tenant who eventually entered into a lease, they were not an effective cause of the letting. There was no dispute that if Fairview were liable to Coopers they were liable for commission and interest in the amount claimed.

Mr Chadwick submitted that the terms as to commission had to be subject to an implied term that Coopers were only entitled to the commission if they were at least an effective cause, if not the effective cause of the letting, and the combined effect of a series of cases starting with *Millar Son & Co v Radford* ((1903) 19 TLR 575) and ending with *Lordsgate Properties Ltd v Balcombe* (*The Times* March 26, 1985; (1985) 274 EG 493) made it clear that in the absence of clear language to the contrary the courts would always imply a term that commission was only earned if the estate agent was an effective cause of the relevant letting or sale.

Mr Chadwick submitted that when Fairview's letter of March 22, 1982 to Coopers was examined there was no special or express term excluding the implied term. His construction, with which his Lordship agreed, was that the relevant paragraph required Coopers to introduce a tenant and then set out three qualifications which had to be fulfilled before a commission was payable.

The first was that the tenant should not have retained Coopers. The second was that the tenant had to be someone with whom Fairview had not been in previous communication. The third was that the tenant had to complete a lease.

When the cases were examined it was clear that the court very readily inferred an implied term that the agent was required to be an, or the, effective cause of the subsequent purchase. That was not surprising when it was considered that in the ordinary way what the agent was being employed to do was find a prospective purchaser or tenant who actually purchased or took a lease.

Mr Morison submitted that in the case of a developer the court should be substantially less ready to infer such an implied term.

Adopting the approach laid down by the House of Lords in *Luxor (Eastbourne) Ltd v Cooper* ([1941] AC 108) his Lordship had ultimately come firmly to the conclusion that the judge was correct. In the present case there was no necessity to imply a term.

On the contrary the relevant language was inconsistent with the implication of a term imposing an additional requirement that Coopers had to be at least an effective cause of the lease being granted.

The present clause worked perfectly well from the developer/landlord point of view. An additional requirement could be imposed that the agent should be the effective cause of the letting, but if it was required it should be expressly stated.

Lord Justice Russell and the Master of the Rolls agreed.

Solicitors: Lovell White & King; H. Davis & Co.

Doctrine of vicarious liability

Irving and Another v Post Office

The Post Office was not vicariously liable for the wrongful act of a postman who, when carrying out his duties of sorting mail and writing certain authorized matters on letters, wrote abusive words on the back of an envelope which was addressed to his neighbours.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Fox and Mr Justice Sheldon) so held on March 31, dismissing an appeal by the plaintiffs from the dismissal by Mr Assistant Recorder Goldrein at Manchester County Court of a claim under the Race Relations Act 1976.

LORD JUSTICE FOX said that, in relation to unauthorized acts of an employee it was a consequence of the general principles, stated in *Salmond & Heuston on Torts* (18th edition (1981), para 176, pp437-8) and approved by the Privy Council in *Canadian Pacific Railway v Lockhart* ([1942] AC 591, 599), that a distinction had to be drawn between an act which was outside the sphere of the employment and an act which was merely an unauthorized or prohibited mode of doing an authorized act.

The doctrine of vicarious liability was necessary for the reasonable protection of innocent third parties. But out of fairness to employers limits had to be set to it. The postman's act was wholly unauthorized and the Post Office was not vicariouly liable for it.

Brian James reports on an old professional golfer's sadness in the sunshine of the Algarve

The heartache of Henry Cotton

Paradise lost: Cotton reflects on his course that once was and the redesigned course, complete with new bunkers, that has controversially emerged in its place

It is given to few men to design and construct a permanent monument to their own great talent. Even fewer will know what it is to awake one morning to the clatter of bulldozers tearing at that monument beneath the bedroom window. And only the rarest will then, at the age of 80, curse for a while in the most gentlemanly of tones, and at once begin the three-year task of building an even greater monument.

But then Henry Cotton never was any ordinary sort of chap. Just as the golf course that was to have preserved his memory in self-renewing green was no ordinary course.

He built it 25 years ago at Penina upon a featureless, flooded rice paddy in Portugal's then-primitive Algarve region. Cotton re-directed brooks, raised minor artificial hills and planted 500,000 trees which now stand, many 80 feet tall, to give the course its charm. It wore its sub-title "Cotton's Masterpiece" without embarrassment.

Professional stars dream of winning at St Andrews or Augusta. But for the world's recreational players the Cotton course at Penina was a place of pilgrimage, because cunning design made it possible for the scratch player and the 18-handicapper each to believe he had been tested to the limit of his capabilities. But now machines are at work there, changing its shape and its nature to a plan that was completed without his prior knowledge.

So this week Henry Cotton, walking with an angry old man's slow firm tread, returned to London to sever all connection with Penina. "The word I must use is betrayal for this has been done to me by those I thought my friends."

Those friends would include Rocco Forte, the chief executive of Trusthouse Forte, owners of the course since last May. Forte insists: "The changes we have made are simply cosmetic. The course had been left to reach a disgraceful state. My people did what had to be done as a matter of urgency.

"It is quite wrong to say we never discussed the plans after I had shown him the report of the proposals. Why should he say we had not? Well, he is over 80, and sometimes shows it. I also asked Dave Thomas, the course architect, to talk to Henry. But it now seems that never happened. Perhaps if I had had the time to take care of all the details . . ."

That Cotton deserves to be survived by some mark of his achievements is beyond discussion. He is the greatest British golfer of all. He won the Open Championship three times; winning it once is as much as any other Briton has managed in modern times. But more than his own sport owes him dues. Cotton was perhaps the first *respectable* modern professional sportsman, able to demonstrate that not only could he be relied upon unerringly to select the right club, he should also be trusted to choose the correct fork. His dignity, supported always by a keen sense of his own value, hastened the end of distinctions between Gentlemen and Players: men who now grow rich in other sports owe more than a winners' mite to his influence. He had style.

Portugal, too, owes him a debt. His course was the Algarve's first attraction beyond sun and deserted beach. An entire winter industry based on golf has arisen.

The circumstances that have now driven Henry Cotton from Penina had their beginning last May. Then the Trusthouse Forte chain purchased outright the Pennina complex of two courses and a 215-bed hotel. Cotton, still employed as golf consultant, was overjoyed: Lord Forte had been his friend for more than 50 years. Cotton had flown to Rome last year to attend the jet-set-plus-family wedding of son, Rocco Forte, whom he had seen grow from a boy.

"What's more," Cotton says, "I thought there would be some money about. And by God the course needed it. Most of the machinery was 20 years old, the watering system needed replacing. But we had no foreign exchange for the equipment needed. But now, with Rocco's clout, surely we could bring the course back to its best."

Cotton dreamed on like this all last summer. Until a day at the beginning of October when, at Wentworth to watch the world matchplay event, he was approached by Dave Thomas, former tournament golfer, now course architect, with the casual remark: "Ah, Henry. They've asked me to alter your course. Sorry."

Cotton, chewing his lip, stalked off to ring his friend, Rocco Forte, who responded: "But haven't they shown you the report?" What report? "Ah . . . I'd better send a copy round."

There arrived at Cotton's home a report, 37 pages plus 21 appendices, couched in scathing terms about almost everything at Penina. The report was on the notepaper of the Professional Golfers' Association, an organization to which Cotton had given distinguished service and of which he is still a vice-president. According to its preamble, the report was prepared by Colin Snape, then the PGA executive director, after a visit to Penina the previous August "during his annual vacation".

The involvement of Snape (who has since left the PGA and become a golf consultant to Trusthouse Forte) dismayed Henry Cotton. "He, his wife and children had been guests at Penina over a 10-year period. At my instigation. One of the things he would have known is that I am never there in August. Is that why he chose that time? Odd, anyway, that he never did tell me of this visit."

But Cotton was mollified at the time by a hand-written note from Forte which accompanied the report: "I am not happy with a number of the proposals, but in particular the alteration of the course. I would like to get together with you to discuss it . . . I am not going to make any moves in relation to the course without fully discussing these with you first."

Cotton's confidence in Forte's support remained with him until his return to Penina some time later. He arrived late and went to bed. It was at daybreak next day when he arose and looked down on a course scarred by gashes in the red earth. The work had already begun.

Henry Cotton, apart from a walk down the first few holes, could never bring himself to inspect the ravages he suspected along the full course. Until, that is, a few days ago when I persuaded him into a caddy-car and we drove over the last nine holes, which are currently closed for the changes.

Cotton was very much affected by what he saw. "Oh, hell...look at that. What's the point of that? This hole, the character, it's gone. Did you ever see so many damn-fool bunkers? All this sand. What's he got, desert madness? I can tell you now, my name must come off this.

"All the subtletly, the artfulness, has been taken out. It is just, well, *banal*. I may be conceited. But everything here was thought out, for a reason. Would you ask an artist, a professional, to paint you a picture, then bring in a student — an amateur — to daub on an extra bunch of flowers?"

It is not easy to put into words the essential nature of the changes. But there is a green that was once defended by a single outstanding tree: dare you play past it, or settle for going short? That tree is gone. Now a bunker takes its place. Another dog-leg gave the choice: out wide, crossing water twice, or bravely between ditch and woods. Now a stand of bushes takes away the bold option for all but the best.

Cotton has another reason for damning the changes: never mind the aesthetics, what about the common sense? All the greens have been allowed to grow into a fraction of their old size and are defended by ranges of sand-traps.

"Only the best pros can play with the dart-board precision to hit these greens. So how long is it going to play a round with the majority flailing away at balls plugged into sand because they haven't even had the sense to grass the face of the bunkers? And now the greens are half-size, how do you keep them from wearing when this course has to accept 1,000 rounds a week?"

All this and more Henry Cotton will have told Rocco Forte when they met this week. My conviction is that the wound of the discourtesies — at very least — from those he trusted struck so deep that reconcilation to keep Cotton's name on Penina had become impossible. He can be a crusty old man: confronting him with suggestions for change was always going to be a task for the brave. But *not* consulting him was abject.

Forte says: "Golf courses are not like sculptures: trees grow, ground gets worn. They *develop* naturally, and you can't tell me course architects start spinning in their graves every time someone takes a spade to his course.

"I am sorry Henry Cotton is upset. He has been a family friend since my childhood. But if he had not been so negative from the start, this would not have happened. As it is I am now bloody annoyed — for at the end of it all Penina will again have a decent course. I don't see what I can do about the rest — Henry Cotton's hurt pride."

Henry Cotton's consolation has been to go up to the room above the course which he will soon leave for ever, and unroll his plans for another creation. It will be a few miles along the coast: an artificial dunes course, created on a marsh from eight million cubic feet of sand dredged from the sea. It is part of a colossal £100 million undertaking, the keystone of Portugal's greatest holiday development.

He showed me over the plans. "Look what I am doing here . . . and here. Now *that's* really going to be a hole and a half. The work starts this year. We'll be playing the first round in the winter of 1989-90. Come and see me drive off. Might have to give me a few shots by then."

BASKETBALL

Jones included in England side

The collection of part-timers and renegade Americans who masquerade as an Irish national squad should be no match for their powerful England counterparts as the Home Championships get under way with the first international ever to be staged at the Oldham Leisure Centre tonight.

England, who have won all 18 games against Ireland since they first met in 1953, should not be in any danger of losing that record, particularly now that they are reinforced for the first time by the inclusion of the Sharp Manchester United player, Jeff Jones. At 32, Jones is long overdue a first cap. It would doubtless have come had he not been beset by qualification difficulties ever since he first set foot in England 11 years ago from his native Pennsylvania.

With the Home Office taking two years to process his application for residency, then FIBA (Federation Internationale Basketball) showing reluctance to backdate it, and finally the English Basket Ball Association questioning his eligibility, Jones took eight years rather than the normal six to establish himself as a British citizen.

"I'm not sure yet how I feel about playing for England," he said, "but I'm pretty pleased, especially after waiting so long. After Manchester United's disappointment at Wembley I'm just glad to be playing again and you can't get much better than playing for England," he said.

A prolific scorer for United when he finds the range, he has impressed David Titmuss, the England coach, over the second half of the season. "He has been very good. He has earned his spot at off-guard," says the coach.

It is with the forthcoming European Championship qualifying round in mind that Titmuss has recently reduced his original pool of 36 players to the 15 that will be on duty over the next six weeks.

Clyde Vaughan of Leicester, and Ken Scott of Kingston, who are unavailable for the domestic tournament, which takes in further games against Wales at Halifax on Monday and in Edinburgh against Scotland on Wednesday, will be drafted in next month when the highlight will be a first-ever visit to the Soviet Union for the Yuri Gagarin tournament in Vilnius.

"We're getting there," says Titmuss. "I feel we're making progress at last, although as ever there's never enough time to prepare, one of the reasons being the cost of putting a training camp together. But this April and May programme is fantastic as far as the experience the players will get is concerned."

For once, England, who also visit West Germany for two internationals next weekend, and stage their own North Sea Cup event after the Russia trip, will not be short of top class competition.

ENGLAND (from): K Tatham (HFS Portsmouth, capt), J Moore (Portmouth), M Spaid (Portsmouth), C Irish (Portsmouth), P Stimpson (BCP London), M Bett (BCP London), J Jones (Sharp Manchester United), R Peers (Sharp Manchester United), D Gardner (Sharp Manchester United), J Fogarty (Sharp Manchester United), A Balogun (Sharp Manchester United), P James (Leicester), P Scantlebury (Happy Eater Bracknell Pirates).

GOLF

McEvoy's warning

By Patricia Davies

Peter McEvoy, at 34 the Grand Old Man of the British amateurgame, has warned his would-be successors of the growing threat from European competition. Presenting the trophy that bears his name at his home club, Copt Heath, on Thursday, McEvoy voiced his fears for British golf.

"I believe we are falling behind the rest of the world, that they are making faster progress than we are," he said. "The Europeans, in particular, are putting a lot of work and money into their golf programmes. It used to be that you could play in the St Andrews Trophy match against Europe and find yourself picking up an easy point against some Finn who couldn't break 80. Now the Finn is going round

"Bear in mind," he advised Wayne Henry, the tournament winner, "that there are probably several Italians and Frenchmen out there who could have given you a run for your money. Keep working hard and don't get complacent."

McEvoy described Henry's 72-hole total of 283, a tournament record at one under-par and 11 shots clear of the field, as outstanding, and said: "He must have every chance of making a name in the game."

Henry shot to prominence three years ago when, aged 14, he led a regional qualifying event for the Open championship at Porters Park, now his home club. That year he also became the youngest winner of

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Sheffield Utd v Oldham
Shrewsbury v Stoke

IRISH LEAGUE TNT GOLD CUP: Ards v Portadown; Ballymena v Cliftonville; Coleraine v Linfield; Glenavon v Bangor; Glentoran v Distillery; Larne v Crusaders.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Barnet v Gateshead; Boston v Northwich; Cheltenham v Altrincham; Dagenham v Maidstone; Kettering v Sutton United; Kidderminster v Scarborough; Runcorn v Telford; Stafford v Welling; Wealdstone v Enfield; Weymouth v Frickley.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Alvechurch v Bromsgrove; Aylesbury v Gosport; Basingstoke v Fisher; Cambridge City v King's Lynn; Corby v Bedworth; Crawley v Chelmsford; Fareham v Salisbury; Shepshed v Dudley; Willenhall v Witney; Worcester v Redditch.

Midland division: Banbury v Wellingborough; Forest Green v Moor Green; Grantham v Mile Oak; Hednesford v Leicester United; Merthyr Tydfil v Gloucester; Rushden v Buckingham; Stourbridge v Bilston; Sutton Coldfield v Bridgnorth; VS Rugby v Halesowen.

Southern division: Ashford v Thanet; Canterbury v Andover; Dorchester v Burnham and Hillingdon; Dover v Gravesend and Northfleet; Hastings v Chatham; Poole v Trowbridge; Ruislip v Corinthian; Sheppey v Tonbridge; Waterlooville v Erith and Belvedere; Woodford v Dunstable.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Accrington Stanley v Clitheroe; Curzon Ashton v Netherfield; Fleetwood v Kirkby (3.15); Penrith v Leyland Motors; Radcliffe v Bootle (3.15); Rossendale v Burscough; St Helens v Irlam; Stalybridge v Glossop; Winsford v Congleton.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE (11.0): First division: Gillingham v Chelsea; Ipswich v Watford; Orient v Charlton Athletic; Southend v West Ham. **Second division:** Bournemouth v Brighton and Hove; Crystal Palace v Wimbledon; Luton v Brentford; Oxford United v Northampton; Southend v Bristol Rovers; Tottenham v Swindon.

SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Chichester v Arundel; Eastbourne Town v Portfield; Haywards Heath v Hailsham; Three Bridges v Wick.

NENE GROUP UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ampthill v Rothwell; Brackley v Northampton Spencer; Desborough v S and L Corby; Eynesbury v Raunds; Irthlingborough v Long Buckby; Stamford v Baldock; Stotfold v St Neots; Wootton v Bourne.

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cranleigh v Hartley Wintney; Farnham v Westfield; Chipstead v BAe (Weybridge); Godalming v Frimley Green; Horley v Ash; Malden Vale v Farleigh; Merstham v Chobham; Virginia Water v Cobham.

BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Braintree v Wisbech; Brantham v Bury; Clacton v Histon; Ely v Chatteris; Felixstowe v Watton; Gorleston v Soham; Great Yarmouth v Tiptree; March v Sudbury; Stowmarket v Haverhill

Third division

Blackpool v Darlington
Bolton v Carlisle
Bristol R v Bristol C
Chesterfield v Brentford
Fulham v Newport
Middlesbrough v York
Notts Co v Chester
P Vale v Mansfield
Rotherham v Doncaster
Swindon v Bournemouth
Walsall v Gillingham

Fourth division

Cardiff v Torquay
Exeter v Swansea
Hereford v Tranmere
Lincoln v Halifax
Orient v Cambridge
Peterborough v Wolverhampton
Rochdale v Burnley
Southend v Aldershot
Wrexham v Preston

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Sheffield Wednesday v Everton (2.0).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Portsmouth v Luton (2.30).

ESSEX LEAGUE: Harry Fisher Memorial Trophy: Semi-final: Eton Manor v Sawbridgeworth. **Senior division:** Brightlingsea v Purfleet; Burnham v Witham; Canvey Island v Woodford; Chelmsford v Bowers; Ford v East Thurrock; Stansted v Brentwood.

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm v Liskeard; Barnstaple v Exmouth; Dawlish v Torrington; Chard v Radstock; Melksham v Clandown; Minehead v Mangotsfield; Taunton v Saltash; Weston-super-Mare v Bideford.

HALLS BREWERY HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Hounslow v Bicester; Moreton v Abingdon United; Morris Motors v Supermarine; Rayners Lane v Pegasus; Sharpness v Viking (2.45); Shortwood v Penhill; Wantage v Fairford.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: League Cup: Semi-final: Southwark v Yeading. **Premier division:** Beaconsfield v Beckton; Edgware v Crown and Manor; Pennant v Corinthian Casuals; Redhill v Barkingside; Southgate v Bromsdown; Waltham Abbey v Danson.

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Bishop Auckland v Chester le Street (3.15); Brandon v South Bank; Consett v Tow Law; Crook v Blyth; Easington v Ferryhill; Hartlepool Reserves v Ryhope CA; Newcastle Blue Star v Peterlee; Spennymoor v North Shields (3.15); Whitby v Whitley Bay.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Alfreton v Thackley; Bridlington Trinity v Armthorpe; Denaby v Brigg; Eastwood v Emley; Guiseley v Belper; Harrogate v Bridlington Town; North Ferriby v Bentley VW; Sutton Town v Farsley. **League Cup: Semi-final:** Woolley v Maltby.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford v Kingstonian; Bognor v Hayes; Bromley v St Albans; Carshalton v Yeovil; Croydon v Windsor and Eton; Dulwich v Harrow; Hendon v Wokingham; Hitchin v Wycombe; Tooting and Mitcham v Barking; Walthamstow v Farnborough; Worthing v Slough. **First division:** Boreham Wood v Uxbridge; Bracknell v Kingsbury; Epsom and Ewell v Billericay; Hampton v Maidenhead United; Lewes v Grays; Leyton-Wingate v Leatherhead; Southwick v Staines; Stevenage v Oxford City; Wembley v Finchley. **Second division north:** Aveley v Hemel Hempstead; Barton v Saffron Walden; Berkhamsted v Hornchurch; Clapton v Letchworth GC; Collier Row v Ware (3.30); Haringey v Chesham; Harlow v Heybridge; Tring v Cheshunt; Vauxhall Motors v Royston; Wivenhoe v Hertford; Wolverton v Rainham. **Second division south:** Banstead v Eastbourne United; Chalfont St Peter v Hungerford; Chertsey v Ruislip Manor; Dorking v Harefield; Flackwell Heath v Petersfield; Metropolitan Police v Horsham; Molesey v Camberley; Newbury v Woking; Southall v Feltham; Whyteleafe v Marlow.

WESSEX LEAGUE: Bashley v Portsmouth RN; Bournemouth v Portals; Lymington v Thatcham; Road Sea v Eastleigh; Romsey v Havant; Sholing v Horndean; Steyning v Brockenhurst; Totton v Newport.

Multipart League

Buxton v S Liverpool
Caernarfon v Burton
Chorley v Goole
Gainsborough v Marine
Matlock v Rhyl
Morecambe v Horwich
Mossley v Workington
Oswestry v Macclesfield
Southport v Bangor
Worksop v Barrow

Scottish premier division

Celtic v Dundee Utd
Clydebank v Rangers
Dundee v Motherwell
Hamilton v Falkirk
Hearts v Aberdeen
St Mirren v Hibernian

Scottish first division

Airdrie v Kilmarnock
Clyde v Forfar
Dunfermline v Brechin
E Fife v Queen of Sth
Montrose v Dumbarton
Morton v Partick

Scottish second division

Albion v Raith
Arbroath v Stranraer
Ayr v Berwick
Meadowbank v St Johnstone
Queen's Park v Alloa
Stenhsmuir v E Stirling
Stirling v Cowdenbeath

HOCKEY

FESTIVALS: Men: Blackpool, Clacton, Folkestone International, Haymakers International (at Hayes HC), Lowestoft and Yarmouth, Penzance, Polo Farm (at Canterbury), Southend-on-Sea, Thames International (at Staines HC), Torbay (at Paignton). **Women:** Cornwall (at St Austell CC), Weymouth.

CLUB MATCHES: Belper v Derwent; Bloxwich v Hampton-in-Arden; Boots v Rolls Royce; Coalville v Horton House; Khalsa v GEC Coventry; Kidderminster v Shrewsbury; Leek v St Helens; Lichfield v Redditch; Michelin v Crewe; Rugby v Bromsgrove.

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals: Nottingham Panthers v Murrayfield Racers (6.30); Fife Flyers v Dundee Rockets (7.15).

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES

Aberavon v London Welsh
Bath v Bristol
Bedford v Morley
Broughton Park v West of Scotland
Cardiff v Barbarians
Cheltenham v Glamorgan W
Ebbw Vale v Abertillery
Exeter v Exmouth
Gloucester v New Brighton
Gosforth v Coventry
Halifax v Hartlepool Rovers
Headingley v West Hartlepool
Leicester v Neath
Llanelli v Northampton
Maesteg v Bridgend
Met Police v Middlesbrough
Newport v Moseley
Northern v Blackheath
Nottingham v Fylde
Otley v Liverpool St Helens
Pontypool v Nuneaton
Pontypridd v South Wales Police
St Ives v Birmingham
Sale v Roundhay
Saracens v Manchester
Sheffield v Huddersfield
Swansea v Harlequins
Torquay v Wasps
Tredegar v Stroud
Vale of Lune v Rugby
Wakefield v Newbridge
Waterloo v Orrell

BISLEY OFFICE EQUIPMENT SOUTHERN MERIT TABLE: Trojans v Maidenhead.

GIROBANK EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: North Walsham v Norwich; Old Westcliffians v Ipswich YMCA; West Norfolk v Old Cantabrigians.

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Club matches: Camberley v Slough; Cambridge v Sudbury; Chelmsford v Metropolitan Police No 3 Dist; Leamington v Stockwood Park; Old Gaytonians v Reading; Taunton v Henley; Weston-super-Mare v Askeans; Winchester v Oxford Old Boys.

MIDLANDS: Club matches: Atherstone v Market Bosworth; Bridgwater and Albion v Solihull; Burton v Chesterfield; Coventry Welsh v Old Northamptonians; Derby v Westleigh; Doncaster v Newark; Edwardians v Kidderminster; Five Ways v Old Saltleians; King's Norton v Telford; Leamington v Stockwood Park; Loughborough v Mellish; Mansfield v Broad Street; Moderns v Nottinghamshire Police; Newport (Salop) v Handsworth; Nottingham II v Paviors; Old Coventrians v Towcestrians; Old Laurentians v Trinity Guild; Old Moseleians v Old Centrals; Pershore v Bridgnorth; Redditch v Evesham; Shrewsbury v Erdington; Stoke Old Boys v Stoneygate; Stoke-on-Trent v Bradford and Bingley; Stratford v Malvern; Walsall v Avon and Somerset Police; Willenhall v Whitchurch; Worcester v Davenport.

BANKS AND SILVERS MERIT TABLE: Hereford v Kettering; Tamworth v Kenilworth.

GLYNWED ENGINEERING MERIT TABLE: Bletchley v Barker's Butts; Long Buckby v Vipers.

MERCIA MERIT TABLE: Wolverhampton v Stourbridge.

MIDSHIRES MERIT TABLE: Nuneaton OE v Old Halesonians.

GIROBANK NORTH WEST LEAGUE: Second division: Chester v Netherhall.

NORTH: Club matches: Bradford Salem v West Park Bramhope; Bridlington v York RI; Calder Vale v Eccles; Camp Hill v Winnington Park; Castleford v Rotherham; Driffield v Old Brodleians; Durham City v Preston Grasshoppers; Furness v Kendal; Hessle v Scarborough; Hull and ER v Heaton Moor; Ilkley v Baildon; Ionians v Lincoln; Leodiensians v Northallerton; Macclesfield v Caldy; Matlock v Mansfield; Old Crossleyans v Sedgley Park; Old Otliensians v Yarnbury; Ripon v Carlisle; Rochdale v Tourcoing; Rodillians v Littleborough; Scunthorpe v Hemsworth; Sheffield Tigers v Goole; Southport v Ashton-on-Mersey; Vickers v Lymm; West Leeds v Grimsby; West Park v Widnes; York v Thornensians.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Huddersfield v Dewsbury.

BASKETBALL

BRITISH ISLES CHAMPIONSHIP: England v Ireland (at Oldham, 8.0).

CRICKET

Cambridge: Cambridge University v Essex (11.30-6.30).

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: World welterweight championship: Lloyd Honeyghan v Maurice Blocker (at Royal Albert Hall, 8.0).

CANOEING: Devizes to Westminster Race (River Thames); Double Premier ranking slalom event (at Grandtully, Tayside).

HANDBALL: Halewood Town Easter Sports Spectacular.

SHOOTING: Easter rifle meeting (at Bisley).

SNOOKER: Embassy World professional championship (at Sheffield).

SPEEDWAY: League Cup: Belle Vue v King's Lynn (7.30); Coventry v Bradford (7.30); Cradley v Hackney (7.30); Swindon v Oxford v Reading (7.30). National League: Berwick v Glasgow (7.0); Canterbury v Middlesbrough (7.0); Stoke v Wimbledon (7.30).

SWIMMING: Eight Nations junior international (at Crystal Palace NSC, 2.0); Girobank International meeting (at Edinburgh).

TENNIS: Prudential under 18 championships (at Wimbledon).

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Bangor City v Barrow.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Scotland XV v Spain (at Murrayfield, 2.30).

CLUB MATCHES: Dover v Oadby Wyggestonians; Ilfracombe v Old Yardleians; Scarborough v Aston OE.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Sheffield v Doncaster.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

TOUR MATCH: Windsor Monarchs v Amsterdam Crusaders (at Windsor and Eton FC, 1.0).

HOCKEY

TOURNAMENT: England U16 and U18 six nations (at Coventry).

FESTIVALS: Men: Blackpool, Clacton, Folkestone International, Haymakers International (at Hayes HC), Lowestoft and Yarmouth, Penzance, Polo Farm (at Canterbury), Southend-on-Sea, Thames International (at Staines HC), Torbay (at Paignton). **Women:** Cornwall (at St Austell CC), Weymouth.

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals: Murrayfield Racers v Durham Wasps (6.30); Ayr Bruins v Fife Flyers (7.0).

OTHER SPORT

CANOEING: Double Premier ranking slalom event (at Grandtully, Tayside).

HANDBALL: Halewood Town Easter Sports Spectacular

LACROSSE: Stockport festival (Cale Green, 10.30).

MOTOR CYCLING: Shell Oils Transatlantic challenge (at Donington Park).

MOTOR SPORT: Saloon car racing (at Mallory Park); Thundersports series (at Brands Hatch, 2.30).

SHOOTING: Easter rifle meeting (at Bisley).

SNOOKER: Embassy World professional championship (at Sheffield).

SPEEDWAY: National league: Boston v Newcastle (6.45); Mildenhall v Glasgow (3.30). Spring fours: Eastbourne v Arena Essex v Canterbury v Rye House (3.30).

SWIMMING: Eight Nations junior international (at Crystal Palace NSC, 2.0).

YACHTING: RYA Pre-Olympic trials (at Grafham Water); Solent series six (at Lymington and Hamble).

SPORT ON TV

BOXING: World welterweight championship: Lloyd Honeyghan (GB) v Maurice Blocker (US) live from Royal Albert Hall. BBC1: 9.50pm.

SAINT AND GREAVSIE: ITV: 12.05pm. Results service: 4.45pm.

GRANDSTAND: Snooker: Embassy World professional championship, Sheffield; Football focus; Boxing: Lloyd Honeyghan defends his world title tonight; Basketball: Carlsberg National championships; Racing: 2.0, 2.30 and 3.0 races from Haydock; Swimming: Girobank international meet, Edinburgh; Final score at 4.35pm. BBC1: 12.15-505pm.

MOTOR SPORT: Circuit of Ireland rally. The start from Belfast. C4: 12.15pm.

RACING: 3.35, 4.10 and 4.40 races from Kempton Park. C4: 3.15pm.

SNOOKER: Embassy World professional championship, Sheffield. BBC2: 10.25am, 4.40, 7.25, 8.55 and 11.25pm.

CHALLENGE TO SPORT: C4: 5.30pm.

Tomorrow

MOTORSPORT: Circuit of Ireland rally. Day two. C4: 2.30pm.

RUGBY SPECIAL: BBC2: 1.55pm.

SNOOKER: Embassy World professional championship, Sheffield. BBC2: 10.25am. BBC1: 11.25pm. (See also Sunday Grandstand).

SUNDAY GRANDSTAND: Boxing: Highlights of Lloyd Honeyghan v Maurice Blocker; Moto-Cross: Sealink British Ferries championship, Third round; Squash Rackets: Hi-Tec British open; Basketball: Carlsberg National championships; Snooker: Embassy World professional championship, Sheffield. Sporting headlines at 7.10pm. BBC2: 2.45-7.15pm.

TENNIS: Mortgage Corporation final, Heston. C4: 6pm

Politicians must take sport more seriously

By Tom Pendry MP

Sport has been making the headlines on the front pages for a change. The fiasco of the extradition to Belgium of 26 football "fans" followed closely on the better news of Coventry City finally reaching Wembley.

But sport is rarely shown such interest; in fact, the debate I recently initiated on sport was the longest and most wide-ranging in the House of Commons for more than 20 years. Nineteen members contributed to the debate and many others attended for parts of it, making it the most successful within the Consolidated Fund Bill.

But is it not sad that sport has to wait for tragedy, crisis or luck in a ballot for it to be debated? Sport needs to be taken seriously, not only because of its diversity and its central role in many people's lives but also because of its economic importance. What other area of the economy worth £4.4 billion of expenditure each year and employing 376,000 people gets a major debate once every 20 years?

One of the most eloquent contributors to that debate was the Tory MP Colin Moynihan. He raised many questions about sport (in an article in *The Times* on March 28), questions which other members of his Government have been unable to answer over the last eight years.

The Labour Party is currently developing a policy that tackles many of these points for inclusion in the Party manifesto at the next general election. When Labour returns to power, we will have a programme ready to be implemented. I chair the Parliamentary Labour Party Sports Committee and this back bench group will assist Denis Howell, our front bench spokesman, in formulating the manifesto.

Many others outside Parliament will also contribute to what will be the clearest statement on sport ever in this country by a political party (after all, in 1983 the Labour manifesto contained nine lines on sport, the Conservatives had seven and the Alliance ignored it altogether).

Sport not granted sufficient status

Colin Moynihan concentrated on the vexed issue of financing sport, but the real issue runs deeper than that. The central problem facing sport is the lack of status afforded it by Government and this starts with the Minister himself. My recent question to the Prime Minister highlighted the fact that the Minister for Sport has five further responsibilities, ranging from planning to gypsy issues!

These must be stripped away to leave the Minister to concentrate on sport and leisure. In the longer term, we must look to create a broader ministry incorporating leisure, tourism and the like, with a minister of Cabinet status.

"Sport for All" is the theme to be picked up by this stronger lead. Access to sport must be a basic right and the current barriers to participation experienced by many will be broken down by an equal opportunities policy. For too long women, the disabled, minority ethnic groups and the elderly have been excluded from sport, which must be manifestly wrong. With unemployment, early retirement and the shorter working week, leisure is now an important factor in people's lives.

It is here that the Sports Council must play its major role, by leading a campaign for sporting opportunities, with the emphasis on community projects using local facilities. The Action Sport teams have shown one angle, while the work done by the Football Community Projects has shown another.

Legislation to aid local authorities

Local authorities actually finance most sport. We will back them through legislation as well as funding, particularly to halt the tragic selling off of school playing fields. In schools, too, local authorities will play their part by encouraging participation in sport by everyone and excellence in those who can attain it.

The financing of sport needs a fundamental reassessment. That the Sports Council grant has been cut this year is scandalous, and the abolition of the metropolitan counties did untold further damage. Funding, together with support for excellence in our sport and ways in which sponsorship can help more than just televised events, will be a development priority for Labour. Sport should not be run on a shoestring.

The particular problems facing our national game, football, could be eased by creating a Betting Levy Board to help the game and to improve conditions for spectators by recycling money within the sport. It would support the current work of the Pools Promoters' Association. The board would be drawn from football organizations in this country (the FA, the League, the PFA, etc) and would not be, as Richard Faulkner, of the Football Trust, implied (in *The Times* on March 31) a "civil service dominated bureaucracy". It must be remembered that my Football Betting Levy Bill was supported by Members on all sides of the House when introduced last June.

In 1987 Labour is creating a social policy imaginative enough to include sport and relevant enough to tackle deprivation in Britain. For too long sport has been ignored. Happily, if the recent debate is anything to go by, the House will not ignoring it in future.

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RACING: PIPE'S FLUENT NEWBURY WINNER CAN FOLLOW UP SUCCESSFULLY BY CAPTURING QUEEN'S PRIZE AT KEMPTON PARK

Revisit looks leniently handicapped

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Following that runaway win at Newbury eight days ago, Revisit is napped to win the Queen's Prize at Kempton Park today. At Newbury, Martin Pipe's mare toyed with the ultra-fit Tigerwood from Reg Akehurst's in-form Epsom stable and won easing up by four lengths. Penalised 3lb for that victory, she still has only 8st 3lb to carry now.

In the same race last year, Revisit carried 13lb more into fifth place, just over six lengths behind the winner Milton Burn who is in the field again. So on 20lb better terms, my nap should surely be capable of taking her revenge on the same horse.

Revisit also meets Milton Burn on 9lb better terms compared with when there was only threequarters of a length between them at Kempton last summer when they finished second and third, respectively, behind Safe River.

On a point of handicapping, Revisit is also favourably treated with Sterne and Paths Sister compared with the occasions they met last year at Chester and York.

It is pertinent to point out also that when Revisit was beaten a length by Safe River at Kempton, they were carrying identical weights. A month later, Safe River was trying to give Sneak Preview 3lb when beaten 3½ lengths by him in the Northumberland Plate. Yet today Sneak Preview is being asked to give Revisit 20lb. That looks an impossible task.

Hot on the heels of Newmarket, the Sunbury track also stages its own annual classic trials in the form of the Masaka Stakes and the Easter Stakes, which are both sponsored by George Ward's Bonusprint company.

Jeremy Tree makes no secret of the fact that **Interval** (4.10) has been pleasing him very much in her work this spring although he did report that she blew quite considerably after a gallop at Beckhampton earlier this week. He still remains hopeful though that Interval can beat Canadian Mill and Mamouna in the fillies' trial.

A line through Minstrella, Forest Flower and Polonia certainly gives her a good chance of doing precisely that.

In view of the fact that he was only narrowly beaten by both Forest Flower and Ajdal last autumn, **Shady Heights** (4.40) is undoubtedly the form horse in the field for the colts' trial. However, his trainer Robert Armstrong sounded a cautionary note yesterday when discussing his chance.

Apparently, Shady Heights has become so lazy at home that his trainer is convinced that he will improve a lot with a race under his belt. All the same he should still have sufficient in hand on form.

At Newmarket earlier this week, there was a persistent buzz that **Loud Appeal** would win the Singapore Airlines Handicap at Haydock where **Perfect Timing** looks poised to take full advantage of the 5lb allowance she receives from the course winner Bridesmaid in the Field Marshal Stakes.

A win for Our Account in the Holsten Diat Pils Maiden Stakes will draw further attention to the excellent chance that **McCubbin** has of winning the Holystone Maiden Stakes at Newcastle. For in their only race last autumn, they finished second and fifth, respectively, behind Pillar of Wisdom at Newmarket.

By all accounts, McCubin has been pleasing Henry Cecil, who is also hopeful of winning the Cambois Maiden Fillies' Stakes there with **Nom De Plume**, who was runner-up in her only race as a two-year-old.

Pick of the bets jumping must surely be **Gold Bearer** to win the Schilizzi Challenge Cup at Towcester in view of the way that he ran so well against Desert Orchid at Ascot ten days ago. Stable companion **Admirals All** also looks another likely winner for Fred Winter there.

KEMPTON PARK

Selections

By Mandarin
2.30 Dewliner.
3.00 Primitive Rising.
3.35 REVISIT (nap).
4.10 Interval.
4.40 Shady Heights.
5.10 Cree's Figurine.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.30 Dan Royal.
3.00 Primitive Rising.
3.35 Kheta King.
4.10 Mamouna.
4.40 Mark Angelo.
5.10 Supreme Rose.

By Michael Seely
3.35 Revisit. 4.10 Canadian Mill.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.10 IN FAT CITY.

Going: good **Draw: high numbers best**

2.30 EBF REDFERN MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O C & G: £2,133: 5f) (10 runners)

102	(10)		BLUE ENSIGN (C Southgate) P Cundell 9-0	N Adams	—
103	(2)		CHAMPAGNE RUN (Champagne Racing Ltd) M Usher 9-0	M Wigham	—
106	(7)		DAN ROYAL (D Jananto) E Eldin 9-0	A Mackay	—
107	(8)	2	DEWLINER 15 (P Pearce) R Hannon 9-0	B Rouse	—
108	(6)		DIRECTORS' CHOICE (P Scarborough) D A Wilson 9-0	W Newnes	—
109	(9)		HIDDEN CREEK (T Marshall) M Usher 9-0	D McKay	—
110	(4)	3	HORATIAN 8 (J Tudor) N Vigors 9-0	S Dawson	—
112	(5)	4	JIM MCCRACKEN 15 (G Steinberg) K Ivory 9-0	P Waldron	—
113	(3)		JUST JENNINGS (Mrs N Lewis) G Lewis 9-0	Pat Eddery	—
117	(1)		SCARLET PRINCE (B Mitchell) M McCourt 9-0	R Wernham	—

BETTING: 15-8 Dewliner, 3-1 Horatian, 11-2 Champagne Run, 6-1 Just Jennings, 10-1 Dan Royal, Jim Mccracken, 12-1 Hidden Creek, 14-1 others.

1986: PENSURCHIN 9-0 A McGlone (8-1) D Elsworth 6 ran

3.0 CHATSWORTH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,737: 1m 2f) (18 runners)

201	(10)	3440-12	MISTER COLIN 15 (S) (Lt Col E Harries) R Hannon 9-7	B Rouse	97
203	(7)	01-	OUR ELIASO 173 (G) (Elisha Holding) L Piggott 9-6	T Ives	93
204	(16)	1-	PRIMITIVE RISING 179 (F) (S Niarchos) H Cecil 9-5	S Cauthen	98
205	(17)	30000-3	BATTLEAXE 15 (F) (C Cole) J Toller 8-11	Pat Eddery	93
206	(1)	2001-0	ASHWA 15 (G) (F Salman) P Cole 8-9	T Quinn	95
207	(12)	041-	FAILIQ 212 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-6	B Thomson	● 99
208	(3)	03-0	MAGNOLIA EXPRESS 19 (C Papaloannou) S Dow 8-6	W R Swinburn	89
209	(8)	00-1	TRIBAL PAGEANT 19 (S) (Lady Matthews) I Matthews 8-5	R Morse (5)	92
210	(18)	30000-0	SYLVAN ORIENT 21 (Mrs R Johnson) P Mitchell 8-4	A McGlone	94
211	(5)	000-	LAGTA 193 (Sheikh A Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-3	W Carson	88
212	(4)	044-	CAMMARINO 165 (I Allan) H Candy 8-2	W Newnes	92
217	(2)	204220-	PHARAOH BLUE 172 (G) (Mrs C Pateras) C Brittain 7-12	M Roberts	95
218	(11)	000-	CHARLIE ME DARLING 162 (Miss A Wiggins) C Horgan 7-10	A Proud	82
219	(13)	000-	HIGHAM BROKE 162 (M Hicks) W Musson 7-9	—	—
220	(6)	00300-1	TAMASSOS 19 (S) (D (A Christodoulou) M Tompkins 7-7	A Mackay	97
221	(14)	400000-	MURAJAH 211 (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 7-7	G French	92
223	(9)	0010-3	VISION OF WONDER 18 (G) (C Cyzer) M Usher 7-7	P Bernard (7)	92
224	(15)	0000-	KEECAGEE 231 (T McGee) D Elsworth 7-7	D Brown	—

BETTING: 4-1 Primitive Rising, 9-2 Failiq, Tamassos, 6-1 Tribal Pageant, 8-1 Ashwa, Pharaoh Blue, 10-1 Battleaxe, Our Eliaso, 12-1 Master Colin 14-1 others.

1986: SWIFT TROOPER 8-13 R Cochrane (4-1) R J Williams 8 ran

3.35 QUEEN'S PRIZE HANDICAP (£4,643: 2m) (11 runners)

C 4

301	(7)	02/1301-	BLOCKADE 275 (CD,F,G) (F Salman) P Cole 4-9-10	T Quinn	91
302	(10)	3/11110-	SNEAK PREVIEW 182 (C,F,G) (Mrs C Gross) H Candy 7-9-9	W Newnes	92–
304	(2)	400000-	AYRES ROCK 162 (D Myers) M Haynes 6-8-11	B Rouse	—
305	(8)	00214-0	GUESSING 22 (D,S) (Racegoers Club) P Mitchell 4-8-11	A Clark	90
306	(6)	11/004-1	STERNE 12 (V,F,S) (Mrs W Tulloch) S Mellor 5-8-9 (3ex)	M Wigham	94
307	(9)	311-301	KHETA KING 34 (F,G,S) (Sir G Brunton) W Hastings-Bass 4-8-8	Pat Eddery	98
308	(3)	02330-0	ITTIHAAD 12 (M Burt) R Akehurst 4-8-5	J Carter (5)	89
309	(4)	00000-1	MILTON BURN 15 (CD,F,G,S) (A Richards) H O'Neill 6-8-3 (3ex)	S Dawson	98
310	(5)	43000-1	REVISIT 8 (D,F,S) (R Green) M Pipe 5-8-3 (3ex)	W Carson	● 99
311	(11)	00103-0	PATH'S SISTER 12 (D,G) (Miss B Cudbury) C Thomson 6-7-12	R Fox	91
312	(1)	02020-0	JANUS 15 (S) (K Little) Mrs N Smith 9-7-8	N Adams	89

BETTING: 7-2 Revisit, 9-2 Milton Burn, 5-1 Sterne, 15-2 Blockade, Guessing, 8-1 Sneak Preview, 10-1 Janus, Kheta King, 12-1 others

1986: MILTON BURN 5-7-7 S Dawson (33-1) H O'Neill 15 ran

FORM BLOCKADE last ran here in July, when 1½l winner (9-7) over Fedra (8-7). (2m, £2515, firm, July 17, 4 ran).
SNEAK PREVIEW improved last year when his 4 victories included one by 2l (8-12) from Newsells Park (9-1) at Newcastle (2m, £22725, firm, June 28, 15 ran)
STERNE (9-10) front-ran his way to a 1½l victory over Rufaha (7-7) at Folkestone, with ITTIHAAD (9-9) another 13l back in 5th (1m 7f 100yds, £1302, heavy, Apr 6, 11 ran).
KHETA KING'S victory at Cagnes (1m 4f) is hard to assess, but he comes into the reckoning on a 7½l 3rd (8-9) to Gorgeous Strike (8-5) there on reappearance (1m 4f, £8349, soft, Feb 13, 10 ran).
MILTON BURN won this last year (7-10), with REVISIT (9-2) 6¼l back in 5th. Made a winning return here in 1987 (8-10), when JANUS (8-4) was beaten 35l into 6th (1m 4f, £3272, soft, Apr 3, 13 ran).
REVISIT is well handicapped on her best and won very comfortably (8-7) by 4l from Tigerwood (8-5) at Newbury (2m, £4013, heavy, Apr 10, 9 ran).
PATH'S SISTER, behind on reappearance (1m 6f), showed she stays well with a 2¾l 5th (7-8) to Orange Hill in the Cesarewitch (2m 1f, £31129, good, Oct 18, 25 ran). AYRES ROCK (9-2), MILTON BURN (8-5) and SNEAK PREVIEW (9-7) were all behind.
Selection: REVISIT

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.10 BONUSPRINT MASAKA STAKES (3-Y-O fillies: £8,064: 1m) (7 runners)

C 4

401	(7)	12-	CANADIAN MILL 199 (G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) W Hern 8-9	W Carson	● 99
404	(2)	12-	INTERVAL 240 (S) (K Abdulla) J Tree 8-9	Pat Eddery	96
405	(3)	2010-	LUCKY STONE 205 (S) (R Holmes A Court) C Brittain 8-9	M Roberts	71
411	(1)	3-	CASTLE CREEK 177 (G Strawbridge) I Balding 8-5	T Ives	86
412	(5)	3-	GRAND ECLIPSE 165 (W Norton) P Kelleway 8-5	G Starkey	66
414	(6)	2-	MAMOUNA 211 (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 8-5	W R Swinburn	92
416	(4)	0-	WORKING MODEL 180 (Binfield Manor Farms) P Cole 8-5	T Quinn	—

BETTING: 7-4 Canadian Mill, 5-2 Mamouna, 3-1 Interval, 10-1 Castle Creek, 14-1 Grand Eclipse.

1986: STATELY LASS 8-4 R Cochrane (9-2) J Winter 5 ran

FORM CANADIAN MILL (8-11) was far from disgraced against two of the best juvenile fillies of last season when 5l 3rd to the subsequently disqualified Forest Flower (8-11) in the Group 1 Cheveley Park at Newmarket (6f, £41110, good to firm, Oct 1, 5 ran).
INTERVAL (8-11) 2nd beaten ½l to Polonia (9-0) at York (6f, Group 2, £15336, good to firm, Aug 21, 9 ran) but may improve further.
LUCKY STONE was outclassed behind Invited Guest in the Hoover Fillies mile; previously (8-8) a length winner from Montarana (8-12) at York (6f, £4149, good to soft, Sep 3, 11 ran).
CASTLE CREEK (8-5) made a very promising debut at Newbury (7f 60y, £9910, good to soft, Oct 23, 9 ran) when 4½l 3rd to Nettle (8-8).
GRAND ECLIPSE (8-11) beaten 6½l into 3rd by French Gondolier (9-0) in a Leicester maiden (1m, £964, good, Nov 4, 18 ran).
MAMOUNA (8-8), is prominent in the Oaks ante post betting lists, put up a good performance when ¾l 2nd to stablemate Milligram (8-8) at Newbury (7f, £8679, good, Sep 19, 27 ran). Will come on considerably for that run.
Selection: CANADIAN MILL

4.40 BONUSPRINT EASTER STAKES (3-Y-O: C & G: £9,832: 1m) (7 runners)

C 4

501	(1)	441010-	GLORY FOREVER (Prince A Salman) S Norton 9-3	Pat Eddery	78
502	(6)	42-1	ACCOMPANIST 15 (CD,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-10	B Thomson	73
503	(2)	32213-	BEESHI (D) (F Salman) P Cole 8-10	T Quinn	78
508	(3)	122-	SHADY HEIGHTS 183 (G) (G Tong) R Armstrong 8-10	S Cauthen	● 99
509	(5)	01113-	TARTUFFE 183 (F,G) (D Sasby) G Harwood 8-10	G Starkey	84
512	(4)	2000-	MARK ANGELO 197 (M Christofi) R Boss 8-6	W R Swinburn	50
513	(7)	0-	MOUNTAIN KINGDOM 21 (Pin Oak Stable) C Brittain 8-6	M Roberts	—

BETTING: 4-5 Shady Heights, 5-1 Accompanist, 11-2 Tartuffe, 10-1 Beeshi, Glory Forever,

1986: TISN'T 8-4 P Waldron (5-1) P Cole 9 ran

FORM GLORY FOREVER finished last season with a creditable 5th at Saint-Cloud on heavy ground (1m 2f, Group 2), but ran better there on good ground when neck winner (8-7) from Libertine (8-4) (7f 110yd, Group 3, £19940, good, Oct 17, 7 ran).
ACCOMPANIST has a fitness edge over his major rivals following an impressive 7l victory here (8-8) over Buchan Ness (8-12) (1m, £3694, soft, Apr 3, 5 ran).
BEESHI won at Goodwood (1m) prior to dead-heating for 3rd (8-11), 2 necks behind Sanam (8-11) in Milan (1m Group 1, £33024, good, Oct 12, 16 ran).
SHADY HEIGHTS did nothing wrong in the top company last season, running his best race when a strong-finishing ¾l 2nd (9-0) to Ajdal (9-0) in the Dewhurst (7f Group 1, £39165, good, Oct 17, 5 ran). This trip, will suit him, but the stable has yet to hit form.
TARTUFFE ran up a hat-trick over 7f, then (9-10) 3½l 3rd to I Try (8-8) in Newmarket nursery (7f, £11359, good, Oct 17, 15 ran).
Selection: SHADY HEIGHTS

5.10 QUEEN ELIZABETH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,796: 6f) (17 runners)

602	(4)	111110-	MUKHABBR 210 (D,G) (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 9-7	W R Swinburn	85
604	(6)	01021-	SUPREME ROSE 175 (D,S) (E Badger) W Musson 9-3	M Wigham	89
607	(7)	0421-	GEORGE JAMES 175 (D,S) (R Percival) J Dunlop 8-13	W Carson	91
608	(11)	14300-0	TENDER TIFF 19 (D,BF,S) (A Sturge) M McCormack 8-12	S Cauthen	87
609	(17)	101001-	DERRING DEE 205 (D,F,G) (A Hornall) P Cundell 8-7	N Adams	92
610	(3)	0000-	GAMESHOW 169 (P Fox) P Makin 8-7	T Quinn	77
611	(14)	031-	INSHAD 193 (D) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 8-7	M Roberts	82
614	(8)	00133-0	DANCING DIANA 9 (D,BF,F,S) (G Bosley) R Hannon 8-5	B Rouse	89
615	(1)	004-	GABLITZT 200 (Dr C Li) R Armstrong 8-4	B Thomson	80
616	(9)	303024-	KEEN EDGE 211 (T Tobin) P Mitchell 8-3	A McGlone	79
617	(10)	310-2	CREE'S FIGURINE 8 (G) (C Pearman) M Fetherston-Godley 8-1	A Clark	91
618	(15)	00001-1	SPITZABIT 2 (D,G) (Mrs C Reed) Pat Mitchell 8-8 (7ex)	—	93
619	(12)	042-	IN FAT CITY 166 (H Lebowitz) J Sutcliffe 8-0	W Newnes	● 99
620	(5)	00000-	EMMA'S WHISPER 173 (Mrs R Wreford) P Mitchell 7-12	A Proud	86
622	(2)	4040-13	ALWAYS A LADY 8 (S) (G Steinberg) J Holt 7-11	R Morse (5)	87
623	(16)	00400-	INDIAN SET 173 (Hitchcock & Co Ltd) G Lewis 7-10	R Fox	85
625	(13)	000-0	SHENLEY ROMP 17 (V) (R Skeggs) K Ivory 7-7	A Mackay	—

BETTING: 9-2 Spitzabit, 5-1 In Fat City, 6-1 Cree's Figurine, Derring Dee, 8-1 Dancing Diana, George James, 10-1 Supreme Rose, 12-1 Inshad, Keen Edge, 14-1 others.

1986: LOFT BOY 8-1 S Dawson (14-1) N Vigoors 13 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
H Cecil	19	43	44.2
G Harwood	21	73	28.8
W Hern	6	21	28.6
J Tree	8	31	25.8
P Cole	14	70	20.0
M Stoute	13	72	18.1

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
T Quinn	12	52	23.1
S Cauthen	31	141	22.0
W R Swinburn	17	80	21.3
Pat Eddery	24	123	19.5
G Starkey	17	93	18.3
T Ives	9	53	17.0

HAYDOCK PARK

Selections

By Mandarin
2.00 Our Account.
2.30 Perfect Timing.
3.00 Loud Appeal.
3.30 Needwood Nut.
4.00 Fire And Brimstone.
4.30 Pubby.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 Our Account.
2.30 Bonny Light.
3.00 Loud Appeal.
3.30 —
4.00 Bint Kafu.
4.30 Pubby.

Going: good **Draw: 6f-1m low numbers best**

2.0 HOLSTEN DIAT PILS MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,718: 1m 2f 131yd) (16 runners)

BBC 1

2	(11)	030024-	ALPENHORN 183 (Lord Derby) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0	G Carter	90
3	(9)	0	ARTAIUS STAR 21 (K Fischer) R Hollinshead 9-0	S Perks	—
4	(6)	400-	CAJUN DANCER 165 (M Peraticos) M E Francis 9-0	C Rutter (3)	74
6	(7)	20240-0	CREAM AND GREEN 7 (T Harrington) K White 9-0	J Williams	72
7	(8)	0200-0	CRUSADE DANCER 9 (R Trussell Jr) B Hanbury 9-0	A J Geran (5)	89
8	(14)	2-	EMPEROR HOTFOOT 281 (Lord Leverhulme) R Houghton 9-0	P Cook	91
11	(2)	2-	OUR ACCOUNT 169 (A Clore) L Cumani 9-0	R Cochrane	● 99
13	(5)		POSITIVE WAY (T Tek Tan) M Jarvis 9-0	B Raymond	—
15	(16)	00-	RUNNING STEPS 173 (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 9-0	P Robinson	78
19	(15)	2-	SIR HARRY LEWIS 176 (H Kaskel) B Hills 9-0	J Reid	96
20	(1)	033-	SPRUCE BABY 186 (P Entenmann) S Norton 9-0	G Duffield	87
21	(10)	422-	SUPER LUNAR 186 (J Mitchell) R Sheather 9-0	A Shoults (3)	90
23	(3)	0402-0	THE BRAZILIAN 17 (A Proos) E Alston 9-0	J Matthias	75
25	(12)	0-	CONNAUGHT'S JOY 165 (Mrs M Murray) B McMahon 8-11	J Hills (5)	—
26	(13)	0-	DAPPING 197 (C Golding) J Watts 8-11	N Connorton	—
27	(4)		FATU HIVA (R Kaselowsky) John FitzGerald 8-11	R Hills	—

BETTING: 9-4 Our Account, 7-2 Sir Harry Lewis, 5-1 Emperor Hotfoot, 8-1 Alpenhorn,

1986: SIRK 9-0 A Murray (5-6 fav) C Brittain 4 ran

FORM CRUSADE DANCER, ran as though something was amiss when tailed off last on latest start, earlier showed fair form in good company when (8-11) 9½l 5th to Shady Heights (8-11) at Windsor (6f, £959, good, Sept 1, 16 ran).
EMPEROR HOTFOOT has plenty of scope and despite needing the race ran well on only start (8-11) to be ½l 2nd to Bills Henry (9-3) in a modest event at Chester (7f, £2969, good to firm, July 11, 9 ran).
OUR ACCOUNT took some time to get the hang of things on debut but ran on well (8-9) to be 3l 2nd to Pillar Of Wisdom (8-9) at Newmarket (1m, £4099, good to soft, Oct 31, 15 ran).
SIR HARRY LEWIS, slow away and a touch unlucky in running when (8-11) a head 2nd to Good Sailing (8-8) at Doncaster (7f, £1281, good to soft, Oct 24, 12 ran).
SUPER LUNAR, consistent but lacking a turn of foot, was (9-0) a fair 2½l 2nd to Afternoon Winner (8-11) at Redcar (7f, £2678, firm, Oct 14, 10 ran).
THE BRAZILIAN made no show on reappearance, previously (9-0) a moderate 10l 2nd to Pine Away (8-11) in a 3 runner Hamilton maiden (6f, £1321, firm, July 18, 3 ran).
Selection: SIR HARRY LEWIS

2.30 FIELD MARSHAL STAKES (£7,282: 5f) (10 runners)

BBC 1

2	(1)	34000-2	BRIDESMAID 21 (V,C,D,G,S) (R Sangster) B Hills 4-9-4	J Reid	98
3	(6)	012112-	BONNY LIGHT 161 (B,D,F,G,S) (K Owusu-Nyantekyi) R Sheather 4-9-2	A Shoults	88
4	(3)	300220-	CHAPLINS CLUB 161 (B,D,F,G,S) (P Savill) D Chapman 7-9-2	G Duffield	76
5	(7)	203300-	CLANTIME 182 (D,F,G,S) (Clantime Ltd) R Whitaker 6-9-2	D McKeown	85
7	(8)	101100-	MANTON DAN 189 (D,F,G) (G Tuck) N Vigors 4-9-2	P Cook	91
9	(10)	11300-0	PHILIP 21 (V,C,D,F,G,S) (D Marley) N Tinkler 5-9-2	Kim Tinkler	87
11	(9)	102110-	PERFECT TIMING 175 (D,F,G,S) (R Vines) D Elsworth 5-8-13	G Carter	● 99
14	(5)	0101-	LA PETITE NOBLESSE 176 (D,S) (North CheshireLtd) D H Jones 3-8-5	D J Williams	90
15	(2)	01111-	BESTPLAN 285 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Yong) W O'Gorman 3-8-3	R Cochrane	96
17	(4)	0120-10	FOURWALK 2 (D,F,S) (W Fouracres) Mrs N Macauley 3-8-3	R Hills	96

BETTING: 4-1 Bestplan, 5-1 Perfect Timing, 6-1 Bridesmaid, 8-1 Manton Dan, 10-1 Bonny Light.

1986: BROADWATER MUSIC 5-8-13 M Rimmer (12-1) M Tompkins 10 ran

FORM BRIDESMAID is inconsistent and was below par when (9-4) 3l 2nd to Peatswood Shooter (8-2) at Doncaster (6f listed, £9115, soft, Mar 28, 12 ran) PHILIP (9-2) was 11th.
BONNY LIGHT showed improved form in handicaps last Autumn when victories included (8-12) a 2½l win from Chaplins Club (9-3) at Newbury (5f, £4901, good to soft, Oct 23, 16 ran).
CLANTIME, 5l 5th in this race last year, was subsequently Group placed but could not reproduce the form in h'caps
PERFECT TIMING, who met with trouble in running final start, earlier (9-0) had MANTON DAN (9-7) about 4l back in 6th when winning at Ascot (5f, £10736, good to firm, Oct 11, 16 ran).
LA PETITE NOBLESSE (8-8) landed a Doncaster listed race by ¾l from Aglasini (9-1) (5f, £7921, good to soft, Oct 24, 11 ran).
BESTPLAN, last seen out in July, is very speedy judged on a ½l Folkestone defeat (9-1) of Sizzling Melody (9-1) (5f, £1727, good to firm, June 2, 4 ran).
FOURWALK was a moderate 5th at Newmarket on Thursday (6f), but comes into consideration on a 2½l Doncaster victory (9-7) over Bluemede (8-10), a winner since (5f, £3837, good to soft, Mar 26, 16 ran).
Selection: PERFECT TIMING

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
M Stoute	13	60	21.7
G P-Gordon	9	43	20.9
B Hills	16	77	20.8
H T Jones	11	73	15.1
M Jarvis	17	113	15.0
R J Houghton	10	72	13.9

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
J Reid	14	116	12.1
R Hills	11	92	12.0
R Cochrane	8	69	11.6
P Cook	8	104	7.7
S Perks	15	200	7.5

Only qualifiers

3.0 SINGAPORE AIRLINES 40th ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP STAKES (3-Y-O: £6,409: 1m 40yd) (11 runners)

BBC 1

1	(5)	01001-0	STATE BALLET 19 (V,S) (D Back) I Balding 9-7	J Matthias	88
2	(6)	23320-3	KING BALLADEER 9 (G) (A Anderson) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-5	G Carter	89
4	(10)	03141-4	MELODY MAKER 21 (G,S) (Mrs P Shaw) B Hills 9-1	NON-RUNNER	—
6	(7)	021-	LOUD APPEAL 165 (G) (Mrs D Haynes) M Stoute 8-10	A Kimberley	91
7	(9)	20320-	WOODPECKER 161 (Mrs H Jones) H Thomson Jones 8-9	R Hills	92
8	(2)	030-	PROSPECT PLACE 175 (Mrs C Geraghty) M Easterby 8-7	T Lucas	87
10	(3)	000240-	BEAU BENZ 173 (T Bennett) M H Easterby 8-1	G Duffield	88
12	(1)	00013-0	MISS SARAJANE 18 (F) (G Smyth) R Hollinshead 7-12	A Culhane (7)	94
13	(11)	10400-0	FOUR LAFFS 21 (S) (C Coupland) H Whiting 7-12	—	96
16	(4)	1020-2	BOTHY BALLAD 21 (F) (P Calver) P Calver 7-9	M Fry	95
17	(8)	00400-1	HUNTER'S LEAP 17 (S) (J Lishman) G Moore 7-7	C Rutter (3)	● 99

BETTING: 9-4 Loud Appeal, 11-4 Bothy Ballad, 7-2 King Balladeer, 13-2 Hunter's Leap, 12-1 State Ballet, 14-1 Woodpecker, 20-1 others.

1986: AMONGST THE STARS 8-3 J Quinn (9-1) S Norton 8 ran

FORM KING BALLADEER (9-7) ran a decent race on reappearance when 5¾l 3rd of 11 to My Noble Lord (9-1) at Brighton (1m, £3101, good to soft, Apr 8).
BOTHY BALLAD (7-8) will strip fitter for a 2l 2nd to Mister Colin (9-0) at Doncaster (7f, £4110, soft, Mar 28, 14 ran) with MELODY MAKER (9-2) 2½l back in 4th and FOUR LAFFS (8-1) out of contention.
LOUD APPEAL (8-11) improved with every run, and wound up the season with a short head win over Min Alsh (8-11) at Leicester (7f, £3013, good, Nov 4, 16 ran).
WOODPECKER (9-0) showed best form last season when 2½l 3rd to Arden (9-0) at Beverley (1m 100y, £1832, firm, Sep 24, 15 ran).
HUNTER'S LEAP (9-6) won a very slow run race in bog like conditions at Hamilton (1m 1f, £1217, heavy, Apr 1, 8 ran) by a head from Minizen Lad (8-10).
Selection: BOTHY BALLAD

3.30 TOD SLOAN SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,016: 6f) (18 runners)

1	(5)	1010-00	HARRY HUNT 10 (B,D,F,G,S) (J Brown) J Berry 9-4	P Cook	93
2	(12)	00200-0	MERE MUSIC 17 (B,G) (M Brittain) M Brittain 9-4	—	98
4	(2)	0000-00	THEKKIAN 12 (B,C,G) (F Lee) R Hollinshead 9-4	S Perks	95
5	(11)	13040-0	MISS DRUMMOND 8 (D,F,G) (S Murray-Green) N Tinkler 9-1	Kim Tinkler	86
7	(1)	00040-	DECCAN PRINCE 258 (A Newcombe) C Hill 9-0	J Reid	80
8	(3)	0	DILIDUP 5 (B) (A Wilkinson) Mrs C Lloyd-Jones 9-0	Wendy Jones (7)	—
9	(14)	0000-03	MR BERKELEY 8 (V) (County Properties & Develop Ltd) C Tinkler 9-0	M Wood	90
10	(15)	00300-3	PAY DIRT 16 (B) (C Barber-Lomax) T Fairhurst 9-0	K Hodgson	89
11	(17)	00000-2	PERTAIN 12 (B) (C Duke) W Wharton 9-0	R Curant	89
13	(7)	000-	SING FOR THE KING 268 (P Savill) D Chapman 9-0	G Duffield	—
14	(4)	3020-2	BALIDUCK 12 (Mrs J Bissill) P Rohan 8-11	S Webster	98
15	(8)	00-	CAWSTONS PREJUDICE 224 (J Abbey) B McMahon 8-11	J Hills (5)	—
17	(10)	0000-	HOLTS WAY 222 (North Cheshire T & S Ltd) D Haydn Jones 8-11	D J Williams (5)	89
18	(9)	03400-3	KINSHAM DENE 12 (W Douglas-Home) J Douglas-Home 8-11	B Raymond	90
19	(6)	00-0	MISSION BIRD 12 (V Wade) P Rohan 8-11	P Simms (7)	—
20	(18)	000-00	MULTI SPIRAL 5 (T Kettlewell) S Kettlewell 8-11	N Connorton	88
21	(13)	0420-0	NEEDWOOD NUT 12 (Needwood Turf Acc Ltd) B Morgan 8-11	P Robinson	● 99
22	(16)	40000-	PETROC CONCERT 173 (D Gill) R Whitaker 8-11	D McKeown	94

BETTING: 3-1 Baliduck, 7-2 Pay Dirt, 4-1 Kinsham Dene, 13-2 Needwood Nut, 8-1 Miss Drummond, 10-1 Holts Way, 16-1 Mere Music, 25-1 others.

4.0 E B F MORNINGTON CANNON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,734: 5f) (13 runners)

1	(3)		BINT KAFU (Yazid and Ahmed Ltd) B Hanbury 8-11	B Raymond	—
2	(13)		BLUE BELL LADY (G Adams) J Berry 8-11	P Cook	—
5	(7)		FIRE AND BRIMSTONE (J Lambton) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11	G Carter	—
8	(11)	3	LOLLY'S LUCK 21 (S Squires) K Ivory 8-11	A Shoults (3)	—
9	(4)		LUCKY CAN (B Cann) T Fairhurst 8-11	K Hodgson	—
10	(8)		MICHELLE MY GIRL (Killoran Civil Engin Ltd) N Tinkler 8-11	R Cochrane	—
12	(9)		MISS HONEYDEW (A Daly) Mrs N Macauley 8-11	R Hills	—
13	(1)		NIGHT NIGHT (Mrs W Wharton) W Wharton 8-11	J Reid	—
14	(10)		PENNY PLACE (Mrs C Geraghty) M W Easterby 8-11	T Lucas	—
15	(2)		QUEEN OF ARAGON (Mrs C Lockhart) R Hollinshead 8-11	S Perks	—
16	(5)		RAYS HONOR (G Liversidge) J Etherington 8-11	S Webster	—
18	(12)		SAINT NAVARRO (Mrs M Fletcher) B McMahon 8-11	G Duffield	—
19	(6)		SMALL FEE (Mrs G Hallett) M Brittain 8-11	P Robinson	—

BETTING: 7-2 Lolly's Luck, 4-1 Bint Kafu, 11-2 Fire And Brimstone, 7-1 Blue Bell Lady, 8-1 Lucky Can, 12-1 Small Fee, 14-1 Penny Place, Night Night, 16-1 others.

1986: KILVARNET 8-11 S Perks (10-1) R Hollinshead 9 ran

4.30 HERBERT JONES HANDICAP (£3,132: 1m 4f) (11 runners)

2	(4)	04010-0	FOLK DANCE 23 (V,D,BF,G) (British Throughbred plc) I Balding 5-9-9	J Matthias	93
3	(8)	04/0320-	MOUNT OLYMPUS 186 (Lord Derby) J W Watts 4-9-8	N Connorton	92
4	(6)	01000-0	PUBBY 15 (CD,G,S) (A Morrison) J Toller 8-9-5	G Duffield	89
6	(5)	2121-02	JOHN GILPIN 17 (BF,F,G,S) (A Barker) W Haigh 5-9-0	R Cochrane	86
7	(3)	3/0213-0	SCREES 7 (D,S) (Capt J Wilson) J Wilson 6-8-13	Julie Bowker (7)	94
8	(2)	0020-14	REGAL STEEL 7 (F,G,S) (D) (Steel Plate Ltd) R Hollinshead 9-8-10	A Culhane (7)	92
9	(1)	0000-00	VICKSTOWN 5 (D,G) (Home & Trade Ltd) B Morgan 5-8-4	G Carter	85
10	(7)	1100/0-0	JUDY'S DOWRY 23 (C,S) (Mrs V McGeough) W Wharton 6-7-13	R Hills	85
11	(9)	0300/00-	CAREER BAY 184 (G Robinson) D Haydn Jones 5-7-13	D J Williams (5)	—
12	(10)	00000-3	CRYSTAL MOSS 12 (J Tombs) W Brooks 4-7-11	C Rutter (3)	92
13	(11)	0/1300-0	AL SHAMIKH 18 (F) (C Barber-Lomax) W Elsey 4-9-6	B Raymond	● 98

BETTING: 4-1 Folk Dance, 9-2 Pubby, 6-1 Regal Steel, 13-2 John Gilpin, 7-1 Mount Olympus, 10-1 Screes, Crystal Moss, 14-1 others.

1986: CARO'S GIFT 8-3 Kim Tinkler (9-1) N Tinkler 6 ran

Era ends with retirement of world's most famous stallion

By Michael Seely

One of the most dramatic and colourful chapters in the history of racing was finally closed on Thursday when it was announced that Northern Dancer, the world's most famous stallion, had been retired at the age of 26.

"It's the end of an era," said Joe Hickey, the general manager of Windfields Farm in Maryland, the home of Northern Dancer since December 1968.

"He's covered 24 mares this season, and is at last feeling his years. He's going to spend the rest of his life in his usual barn, doing just what he wants within reason. He'll always be top of the line."

Vincent O'Brien has been the high priest of the Northern Dancer cult. Together with Robert Sangster, John Magnier and other partners, the great Irish trainer has enjoyed continued success in Europe's major races and also founded the fortunes of the Coolmore Stud with the descendant of the wonder stallion and his sons.

"Northern Dancer was one of the greatest sires in history, if not the greatest," said O'Brien yesterday. "He was 23 when he sired Ajdal and the odds are that there are some top-class horses to come from his remaining crops. Most sires are inclined to be written off well before they are 20."

Michael Stoute, Ajdal's trainer, commented: "Northern Dancer's prepotency has been quite extraordinary. The amazing thing is that not only has he continued to sire horses better than himself but the same thing is happening with his sons."

O'Brien: high priest of Northern Dancer cult

The legend began when Nijinsky sprinted home in the 1970 Derby. Northern Dancer also sired The Minstrel and Secreto (1977 and 1984) and Nijinsky has been responsible for Golden Fleece (1982) and Shahrastani (1966).

The principal quality transmitted by Northern Dancer has been his dazzling speed as shown by the fact that Lomond, El Gran Senor, Shadeed and Dancing Brave, the last four winners of the 2,000 Guineas, have been fathered by Northern Dancer and his sons Nijinsky and Lyphard.

In 1983, no less than four individual classic winners, Lomond, Shareef Dancer, Caerleon and L'Emigrant, came from his line as did Solford, winner of the Eclipse Stakes and El Gran Senor (Dewhurst Stakes).

In the early part of the decade, the demand for the magic blood resulted in an orgy of over-bidding at the Keenland July Sales as the Maktoum brothers of Dubai, and others of the world's wealthy, duelled with the Sangster-O'Brien syndicate.

During this period the average at Keenland rose from $196,863 in 1980 to $544,681 in 1984.

The world-record price paid for a yearling was the $13.1 million established for Seattle Dancer by Nijinsky in 1985. The O'Brien-trained colt is due to make his debut at Phoenix Park today.

Of the 11 yearlings sold for over $4.42 million, seven were sired by Northern Dancer and three by Nijinsky.

At that time the price of the nomination without the guarantee of a live foal to Northern Dancer, who is only 15 hands 1½ ins in height and who had to be stood on a platform to reach his mares, was $1 million. At the height of the boom, Shareef Dancer, El Gran Senor and Secreto were syndicated for around $40 million.

The dawn of reality has now broken and the bloodstock market is still adjusting. Shareef Dancer and Dancing Brave, for example, are now standing at Dalham Hall Stud at fees of £100,000 and £120,000, respectively.

But although Northern Dancer is now taking his ease, the blood of this outstanding sire of sires will continue to make its mark through this pair and other stallions from the same line.

NEWCASTLE

Selections

By Mandarin
2.15 Nom De Plume. 2.45 Firestorm. 3.15 Oriental Dream. 3.45 Retrieve. 4.15 Duck Flight. 4.45 McCubbin.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Nom De Plume. 3.15 Oriental Dream. 3.45 Retrieve. 4.15 Alnashme. 4.45 McCUBBIN (nap).

Michael Seely's nap: 3.45 RETRIEVE.

Going: good to soft (rnd course); good (str)
Draw: no advantage

2.15 CAMBOIS MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,007: 1m rnd) (11 runners)

1	000-	BENFIELD NEWCASTLE 282 J Berry 8-11	J Carroll (5) 7
3	4	CEDESA 12 J Hindley 8-11	M Hills 9
7	00-	ERANTHE 165 W Bentley 8-11	R P Elliott 10
8		FIRST OF ALL L Cumani 8-11	R Guest 11
11	0	GUNNER'S ROW 21 G Moore 8-11	C Coates (5) 5
13		ISLAND BELLE G Wragg 8-11	Paul Eddery 2
15	0-	LISA NICOLA 275 R Whitaker 8-11	K Bradshaw (5) 6
17	000-	LONG VIEW 172 Mrs G Reveley 8-11	D Nicholls 3
20	2-	NOM DE PLUME 166 H Cecil 8-11	W Ryan 4
21	0-	PENNY PRACTICE 197 A Stewart 8-11	— 8
25		TEARFUL REUNION J W Watts 8-11	A Mercer 1

Evens Nom De Plume, 4-1 Cedesa, 6-1 First Of All, 8-1 Island Belle, 12-1 Penny Practice, 14-1 Tearful Reunion.

2.45 NEWCASTLE SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,322: 5f) (8)

6		SONSIE MO J Berry 8-11	J Carroll (5) 7
7	3	WINMOSS 5 M Brittain 8-11	K Darley 4
8		ARROGANZA R Whitaker 8-6	K Bradshaw (5) 6
11	3	FIRESTORM 28 K Stone 8-6	M Birch 2
12	44	NATION'S GAME 10 R Stubbs 8-6	J H Brown (5) 1
13	0	NATIONS PET 12 R Stubbs 8-6	D Nicholls 3
15		SUMMER FRUIT T Fairhurst 8-6	M Beecroft 5
16		WARMCO FIRESTAR S Kettlewell 8-6	M Hills 8

5-4 Winmoss, 3-1 Nation's Game, 4-1 Sonsie Mo, 5-1 Summer Fruit, 10-1 Nation's Pet, 12-1 Firestorm, 14-1 others.

3.15 BLAGDON HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,103: 1m 2f) (10)

1	0001	ORIENTAL DREAM 12 (V,D,S) J Hindley 9-12 (6ex)	M Hills 4
2	000-	CONNAUGHT FLYER 227 (S) C Tinkler 9-7	M Birch 2
3	20-4	IN A SPIN 19 M Brittain 9-6	— 6
4	233-	CAMMAC LAD 172 C Tinkler 9-6	J Lowe 3
5	00-0	NEAR HEAVEN 18 I Matthews 9-5	C Dwyer 1
7	414-	RIVERS SECRET 179 (G) Denys Smith 9-1	L Charnock 10
8	04-3	SCOTTISH FLING 18 J S Wilson 9-1	T Sprake (7) 8
9	000-	GEOBRITONY 164 D Moffatt 8-6	J H Brown (5) 7
10	000-	LUKMARIE 200 C Brittain 8-6	T Williams 9
11	000-	SHAINE 168 E Eldin 8-0	J Quinn (5) 5

5-2 Scottish Fling, 3-1 In A Spin, 7-2 Oriental Dream, 6-1 Rivers Secret, 10-1 Cammac Lad, Near Haven, 14-1 Luckmarie.

3.45 BRUNSWICK HANDICAP (£2,599: 7f) (17)

1	040-	AL BASHAAMA 196 (D,S) L Cumani 4-9-12	R Guest 5
2	00-0	REALLY HONEST 8 (F,G,S) M W Easterby 6-9-7	D Leadbitter (5) 2
3	410-	VILTASH 161 (F,G,S) J Etherington 4-9-5	Paul Eddery 3
4	12-0	EASY LINE 15 (G,S) P Haslam 4-9-2	T Williams 16
5	000-	VALLEY MILLS 185 (C,D,F,G,S) T Barron 7-8-13	D Nicholls 13
6	20-0	KNIGHTS SECRET 22 (CD,F,G,S) M H Easterby 5-8-10	M Birch 4
7	0-00	TRY HARDER 8 (G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-8-8	W Ryan 12
8	02-1	RETRIEVE 8 (S) (D) W Jarvis 4-8-8 (6ex)	M Hills 8
9	-433	AIR COMMAND 10 (CD,F,S) Mrs G Reveley 7-8-7	J Carroll (5) 19
10	440-	BATON BOY 161 (CD,G) M Brittain 6-8-5	K Darley 9
11	00-0	AUGUST 21 (G) Denys Smith 6-8-4	L Charnock 17
12	0-20	DEADBOLT 7 (D,G,S) A Robson 4-8-3	J Bleasdale 11
13	300-	JOVEWORTH 250 (S) J Glover 4-8-2	— 1
15	0-00	DANCING TOM 10 (B,S) T Fairhurst 4-7-10	J Quinn (5) 6
16	-000	QUALITAIR KING 5 (S) K Stone 4-7-7	P Burke (7) 15
17	00-0	MR KEWMILL 22 (B,G) J Mackie 4-7-7	— 7
18	2-00	LITTLE NEWINGTON 5 (S) N Bycroft 6-7-7	J Lowe 14

7-2 Retrieve, 6-1 Easy Line, Al Bashaama, 8-1 Viltash, 10-1 Knights Secret, Air Command, 14-1 Try Harder, Baton Boy.

4.15 MONKSEATON HANDICAP (£2,001: 5f) (10)

1	0-13	DUCK FLIGHT 5 (D,BF,G,S) J Douglas-Home 5-10-3	R Carter (5) 10
2	001-	DEBBIE DO 172 (D,F,G,S) C Thornton 4-9-7	J Bleasdale 2
4	400-	PERGODA 192 (B,D,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 9-9-4	S Quane (7) 4
5	00-4	CUMBRIAN DANCER 10 (V,C,F,S) M H Easterby 4-9-1	M Birch 8
6	400-	LOCH FORM 215 (D,G) C Tinkler 4-8-13	J Lowe 7
7	40-0	CHAUTAUQUA 14 (D,F,S) P Haslam 4-8-13	T Williams 9
8	000-	MENDICK ADVENTURE 213 (D,F) Denys Smith 6-8-10	L Charnock 6
9	442-	ALNASHME 169 (S) D Thom 5-8-6	G Baxter 3
10	100-	ACKA'S BOY 173 (D) D Moffatt 5-7-7	— 5
11	0-00	CULMINATE 5 (S) (D) P Monteith 6-7-7	P Burke (7) 1

5-2 Duck Flight, 7-2 Cumbrian Dancer, 5-1 Alnashme, 6-1 Debbie Do, 8-1 Chautauqua, 10-1 Loch Form, 14-1 others.

4.45 HOLYSTONE MAIDEN STAKES (£1,758: 1m 2f) (14)

1	3/4-	FREE HAND 334 B Palling 4-9-7	M Birch 2
2	0	HOGMANAY 23 R Casey 5-9-7	T Williams 4
3	0	MAJESTIC GROOM 23 J Bethell 4-9-7	K Darley 13
4	0-	MASNOON 246 Denys Smith 4-9-7	L Charnock 8
7		LUCK'S ALL C Brittain 4-9-4	G Baxter 1
10	0	CENTRAL PACIFIC 19 J S Wilson 3-8-3	T Sprake (7) 11
12	02-0	GENTLE DARIUS 18 (BF) M Ryan 3-8-3	N Day 6
15	00-4	KNOCKANDO 7 (BF) L Cumani 3-8-3	P Hamblett 10
16	0-	MCCUBBIN 169 H Cecil 3-8-3	Paul Eddery 14
17	00-0	OLYMPIC CHALLENGER 17 J Berry 3-8-3	J Carroll (5) 7
18	400-	PIPSTED 184 G Wragg 3-8-3	M Hills 12
19	003-	PIT PONY 164 H Wharton 3-8-3	P Harte (7) 3
21	40-4	BOLD DUCHESS 15 M Jarvis 3-8-0	N Carlisle 9
25		NUALA (B) W Elsey 3-8-0	J Lowe 5

6-4 McCubbin, 3-1 Knockando, 6-1 Bold Duchess, 8-1 Gentle Darius, 10-1 Pipsted, 12-1 Majestic Groom, Luck's All.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 9 winners from 25 runners, 36.0%; J Hindley, 8 from 27, 29.6%; R Whitaker, 8 from 65, 12.3%; J Watts, 12 from 100, 12.0%; J Etherington, 11 from 93, 11.8%; J Berry, 9 from 82, 11.0%.

JOCKEYS: N Day, 6 winners from 30 rides, 20.0%; Paul Eddery, 5 from 37, 13.5%; M Birch, 22 from 172, 12.8%; L Charnock, 13 from 122, 10.7%; J Lowe, 17 from 90, 8.9%; J Bleasdale, 7 from 84, 8.3%.

SOUTHWELL

Selections

By Mandarin
2.15 Outlaw. 2.45 Ramilie. 3.15 Roman Son. 3.45 Menford. 4.15 Noble Eyre. 4.45 The Last Prince. 5.15 Mr Gossip.

Going: good to soft (chase course); good (hurdles)

2.15 BRINKLEY NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,435: 2m 74yd) (16 runners)

2	411F	FADA (CD) J Bosley 10-11-13	NON-RUNNER
7	P441	VALENTINOS JOY G Oldroyd 8-11-0	R Marley (7)
8	P041	WISE CRACKER A Potts 6-11-0	S J O'Neill
10	041P	KEYCORN J Blundell 7-10-10	R Beggan
11	4032	STEVASA D Barons 8-10-9	P Nicholls
15	0002	BRIGHT SHERRIFF (B) O Brennan 8-10-5	M Brennan
16	FP3P	OUR WHITE HART K Bailey 7-10-4	P Croucher
17	U034	OUTLAW J Edwards 8-10-4	Mr M Richards (7)
20	R3-1	KADELIAN D Burchell 8-10-3	—
21	3048	NODALOTTE J Spearing 7-10-2	NON-RUNNER
22	02FP	RICHARDS BAY H Wharton 8-10-2	R Crank
24	0U3P	MISTER KILO A W Jones 6-10-0	—
26	0020	HIMALAYA G Harrigan 6-10-0	J Barlow
27	P003	DANTES TREE Roy Robinson 8-10-0	D Condell
28	/000	LAMBWATH HALL A Smith 10-10-0	A Stringer
30	4320	CLICKHAM LAD N Chamberlain 9-10-0	—

4-1 Kadelian, 5-1 Valentinos Joy, 11-2 Outlaw, 6-1 Dantes Tree, Wise Cracker, 7-1 Stevasa, Bright Sheriff, 10-1 others.

2.45 FISKERTON SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£844: 2m 4f) (18)

1	-F10	SOLITARIO (B,D) B Preece 6-11-10	P Miller (7)
2	-000	DRUMCONRATH M Castell 6-11-6	—
5	F0FU	CITY SLICKER S Mellor 6-11-2	M Harrington
6	0000	SINTON BAVARD M Oliver 6-11-2	E Buckley (4)
7	0021	RAHIB D Burchell 5-10-13	—
8	403P	COUTURE COLOR J Mackie 4-10-11	M Bosley (4)
10	-034	WHISTLING STELLAR (B) M Avison 6-10-10	R Beggan
12	P000	LUCKY FELLOW C Bell 5-10-8	Mr J Osborne (7)
14	4303	RAMILIE J Emerington 5-10-8	—
15	3010	LOG CABIN W Clay 6-10-8	Diane Clay (7)
18	0420	PLATINIUM BLOND (B) Rex Carter 6-10-8	M Brennan
19	2000	SOLSTITIAL SONG (B) Mrs G Reveley 4-10-6	S J O'Neill
20	0PF	MISS KINGLET P Bowlby 5-10-6	—
22	-000	ROGERS PRINCESS M Tate 5-10-5	M Bastard
23	0-P0	FLIP THE COIN L Wordingham 6-10-5	—
24	0-P0	OPTIMOSA J Forte 5-10-5	—
25	P000	HOBOURNES GIRL (CD) H Wharton 5-10-5	R Fahey (7)
26	B443	DALBY GIRL P Felgate 4-10-5	S Johnson

7-2 Raahib, 9-2 Optimosa, 5-1 Ramilie, 7-1 Platinum Blond, 8-1 Couture Color, Log Cabin, Solitario, 12-1 others.

3.15 ALFRED AND DULCIE KELLEY NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,426: 3m 110yd) (15)

1	2245	DEBT FOLLOWER O Brennan 9-11-13	M Brennan
3	PPF2	SUPER EXPRESS D Barons 6-11-7	P Nicholls
6	R0U0	RENSHAW WOOD P Beaumont 7-11-4	Miss A Beaumont (7)
7	4024	DEEP SOUTH Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-4	M Dwyer
8	F124	AQUILIFER D Murray Smith 7-11-3	P Croucher
11	PP0P	PERMABOS K Stone 8-11-0	A Stringer
15	0F02	WHITLEY BURN A Smith 8-10-11	Mr J Osborne (7)
16	1FUP	NORTH DOWN B Preece 11-10-10	T Wall
20	0F2F	ROMAN SON N Gaselee 9-10-10	Miss S Lawrence (7)
25	0020	THE SHINER M Tate 7-10-6	M Bastard
27	F003	HICKLING SQUIRES W Wharton 5-10-4	S J O'Neill
28	4P-U	SUNDAY GANG D Barons 7-10-4	—
29	0B44	HISTORIC HOUSE M Ellerby 12-10-2	K Burke (4)
32	0PF	THE CHEESEMAN F Sheridan 7-10-0	—
33	-P0F	MILTON PARK J Blundell 7-10-0	R Beggan

2-1 Super Express, 7-2 Deep South, 4-1 Aquilifer, 5-1 The Shiner, 8-1 Historic House, 10-1 Roman Son, 12-1 others.

3.45 CALVERTON HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,688: 3m) (20)

2	2-0P	DONEGAL HOPE (D) F Sheridan 11-11-10	—
3	F030	POLISH (C) R Dickin 9-11-6	—
9	3440	TURN'EM BACK JACK (B) A Bailey 4-11-2	Miss S Murgatroyd (7)
11	0003	GALESBURG (B) N Gaselee 8-11-1	Miss S Lawrence (7)
14	0FPP	GOOD TRADE H Harper 12-10-13	R Harper (7)
15	4P00	HELLO KILLINEY J Jenkins 10-10-12	—
16	0020	SMITHY BEAR R Dickin 5-10-11	R Bellamy (7)
20	00F0	SAUSAGE R Hodges 7-10-9	—
21	044F	MY SON MY SON S Mellor 6-10-9	Miss A Begley (7)
22	3P00	KINGTOR D Barons 8-10-9	—
23	0P01	EMPEROR NAPOLEON (C) J Forte 10-10-6	A Forte (7)
26	0000	MISS NEVER HYDE J Jenkins 5-10-4	—
27	0U00	RIDGEWAY GIRL J Parfitt 7-10-4	—
28	/420	SWITCH OFF I Anderson 9-10-4	—
29	0F03	STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT C Nash 12-10-3	Miss G Armytage (4)
30	0-02	MENFORD K Bailey 12-10-3	T Bailey (7)
32	0000	CLERMONT LANE M Tate 5-10-1	J Osborne (7)
34	2040	MAGNOX N Chamberlain 6-10-0	—
36	0P00	POLAR ICE J Harris 11-10-0	—
39	-404	TOM NOEL B Cambidge 12-10-0	Mrs H Noonan (7)

3-1 Galesburg, 7-2 My Son My Son, 4-1 Turn'em Back Jack, 6-1 Emperor Napoleon, 8-1 Menford, 10-1 others.

4.15 HARD LUCK NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (£864: 2m) (16)

2	4010	MOON JESTER (CD) C Holmes 7-11-11	K Burke (4)
5	0041	CREEAGER (D) W Wharton 5-11-7	S J O'Neill
8	/134	SUPER SPARK (D) S Christian 8-11-3	R Beggan
11	4000	TREASURE HUNTER Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-10-13	M Dwyer
13	0-00	VISTULE D Burchell 5-10-12	—
14	0000	HILL BEAGLE J P Smith 7-10-12	P Croucher
17	-0P0	GOLDEN NORMAN M Castell 9-10-11	M Bastard
18	2-34	SAGART AROON O Brennan 7-10-10	M Brennan
19	3000	SMITHY'S CHOICE (B) Mrs A Hewitt 5-10-10	C Evans (4)
20	2400	CUMBRIAN NIJO (V) M H Easterby 4-10-10	R Marley (7)
21	-400	DASHALONG M Oliver 5-10-10	E Buckley (4)
23	/000	ASCENRULLAH S Bowring 7-10-9	D Shaw
25	2000	WELL INFORMED C Bell 5-10-8	Mr J Osborne (7)
26	P00F	NOBLE EYRE (BF) D Gandolfo 6-10-8	E Walsh
27	0P00	NEW BARNET J Jenkins 5-10-7	—
28	0P-0	FALCNER LADY Roy Robinson 8-10-7	D Condell

7-2 Cumbrian Nijo, 4-1 Super Spark, 5-1 Noble Heir, 6-1 Creeager, 8-1 Treasure Hunter, 10-1 Moon Jester, 12-1 others.

4.45 CAUNTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,320: 3m 110 yd) (14)

3	4232	THE LAST PRINCE M H Easterby 10-11-12	R Marley (7)
4	243F	TACROY Mrs G Reveley 13-11-10	S J O'Neill
6	1200	SPIDER'S WELL D Barons 11-11-5	P Nicholls
7	UFPP	HY-KO (C) D Gandolfo 11-11-2	—
8	20F0	BASHFUL LAD M Oliver 12-11-2	NON-RUNNER
10	3304	MANNA REEF J Edwards 9-10-13	Mr M Richards (7)
11	34FF	OATLANDS LAD J Blundell 7-10-11	M Brennan
14	P140	SWIFT MESSENGER (B,CD) D L Williams 8-10-5	J D Doyle (4)
16	2F04	REJUVENATOR (BF) G Richards 11-10-1	J Hansen
18	-000	CROWECOPPER B Preece 8-10-0	T Wall
19	P031	YOUNG BLOOD (CD) S Christian 8-10-0	R Beggan
23	-3PP	TRUSTY CATCHER M Tate 9-10-0	M Bastard
25	4400	WOODLAND GENERATOR P Pritchard 8-10-0	D Chinn
27	P0-P	YELLOW COLL Miss J Horwood 14-10-0	Mr R Bellamy (7)

2-1 Young Blood, 11-4 The Last Prince, 4-1 Rejuvenator, 13-2 Manna Reef, 10-1 Swift Messenger, 12-1 others.

5.15 BOURNE LEISURE GROUP NH FLAT RACE (£873: 2m) (20)

1	1	MR GOSSIP N Henderson 5-12-1	D Hood (7)
4	1	SOUTHOVER LAD D Barons 4-11-9	Miss T Davis (4)
13		JINKS ASTON R Peacock 5-11-8	Mrs C Peacock
16		NATIVE EDGE Roy Robinson 5-11-8	Mr H Brown (7)
28		MOUNTAIN GLEN Mrs C Clark 5-11-3	—
29		ROYAL HEIRESS P Beaumont 6-11-3	Miss A Beaumont (7)
37		BAY CHASER G Richards 4-11-2	J R Quinn (7)
43		HAMSTERLEY WALK N Chamberlain 4-11-2	—
44		HARRY MONK K Bailey 4-11-2	Mrs T Bailey (7)
51		LUCKY ROYSTANN A Brisbourne 4-11-2	—
52		MIND YOUR BACK Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-11-2	R Fahey (7)
54		PARK LIGHT G H Jones 4-11-2	—
57		ROY PRINCE W Clay 4-11-2	Diane Clay (7)
58		THE SELEBIAN O Brennan 4-11-2	—
59		THURLESTONE T Forster 4-11-2	A Rolls (7)
60		WILLSFORD Mrs J Pitman 4-11-2	S Salby (7)
64		BUTCHERS BARN K White 4-10-11	—
67		FINANCIAL WIZARD K Bridgwater 4-10-11	—
68		HIGHFRITH G Richards 4-10-11	C Dennis (7)
70		RYTON MILL G Holmes 4-10-11	T Storey (7)

7-4 Mr Gossip, 5-2 Southover Lad, 7-2 Highfrith, 13-2 Willsford, 10-1 Mind Your Back, 14-1 others.

● Lorcan Wyer and Tim Pinfield were both hurt in falls at Southwell on Thursday. After winning on Shepherd's Hymn, Wyer had a heavy fall on Mountain Hays, injuring a shoulder. Pinfield was concussed when Ambian Hill slipped up in the last race and has been stood down for seven days.

TENNIS: YOUNG HOPEFULS BATTLING FOR SUCCESS ON THE BACK COURTS AT WIMBLEDON

Pupil's success strengthens coach's claim for LTA post

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Ken Fletcher, a cherubic Australian who shared five Wimbledon doubles championships in the 1960s, evidently has a sure touch with polish — the kind of polish that turns a talented, soundly-coached youngster into a match-winner. He helped Sally Timms, last year's winner of Prudential's British junior hard court title, and he has helped Sarah Loosemore, who plays Teresa Catlin in today's final at Wimbledon.

Fletcher is the first to play down his own role and that of all coaches: the first to point out that, ultimately, everything depends on the player. But his advice has obviously done Miss Timms and Miss Loosemore no harm. Assuming he remains available, Fletcher has to be a candidate for one of the Lawn Tennis Association's three coaching vacancies, which will be filled by the end of September.

The tournament that ends at Wimbledon today, on the shale courts beyond the lush green lawns, is an anachronism in that the label "hard" is now commonly applied to firm surfaces that lack a loose top dressing. But it is the oldest of the three British junior championships. The others are played on grass and indoor courts.

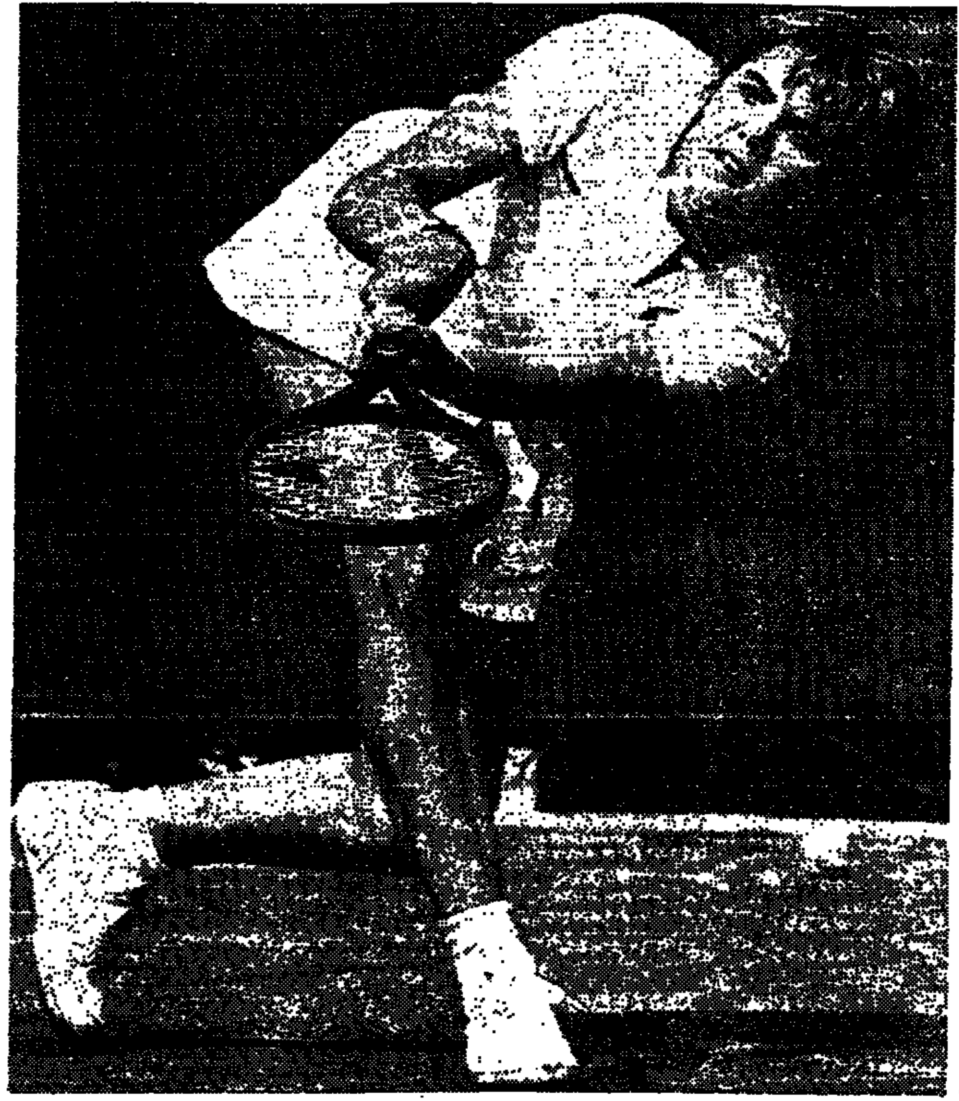
Oddly, for all its traditional prestige, the shale-court or clay-court event is played on a surface that is unfamiliar to British players — a fact that becomes embarrassingly clear when they venture out into the wide world of international competition.

The shale-court competence on view yesterday, among the sunlit hedgerows and birdsong, was not impressive. But Miss Loosemore, though only 15, looked a more mature competitor than the three 18-year-olds who had joined her in the semi-finals. She won 6-1, 6-4 against Anne Simpkin, who could never maintain her best form for long and had an unprofitable knack of serving double faults on important points. Miss Catlin won 7-5, 6-3 against Sally Godman.

In the boys' event Ulli Nganga, one of the Norwich Ngangas, did not have the best of seventeenth birthdays. He was beaten 6-3, 6-2 by Chris Wilkinson, who had more command of the tidy variety that spells success on shale.

Finally Gary Drake of Plymouth, unrelated to the better known Drake who played another ball game there, beat Daniel Ahl, also a Devonian, 1-6, 7-6, 6-1. Ahl had three match points in the second set but could not win any of them.

SEMI-FINAL RESULTS: Boys: G Drake (Devon) bt D Ahl (Devon), 1-6, 7-6, 6-1; C Wilkinson (Hants) bt U Nganga (Norfolk), 6-3, 6-2. Girls: T Catlin (Cambs) bt S Godman (Surrey) 7-5, 6-3; S Loosemore (Wales) bt A Simpkin (Leics), 6-1, 6-4.


Sarah Loosemore: a 15-year-old who is doing her coach proud (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Connors feels the pressure

From Richard Evans, Tokyo

There was further evidence of the struggle Jimmy Connors is having to remain in the world's top 10 — a position he has held, incredibly, ever since the inception of the Association of Tennis Professionals' computer in 1973 — when he was decisively beaten 6-3, 6-4 by Scott Davis in the quarter-finals of the Suntory Japan Open here at the Ariake Coliseum.

With Ivan Lendl and Miloslav Mecir disappearing from his half of the draw, Connors, now ranked ninth in the world, must have sensed an opportunity to lay his hands on a grand prix title for the first time since the autumn of 1984; especially, if omens are supposed to mean anything, as that success came here in Tokyo at the Seiko Classic.

But, quite apart from the fact that Davis also considers Japan a particularly happy hunting ground, the tall, talented Californian has never found Connors as much of a handful as most players. "He hits the ball flat and that suits me," Davis said. "And although he places his serve well, I never feel he can blow me away with it, so I have more confidence on my returns."

Connors beat him in Philadelphia earlier this year, but otherwise Davis has a winning record over the game's indomitable Peter Pan who, at 34, may be finding life harder but is showing no signs of giving up.

It was, in fact, Davis's third victory in four meetings over Connors, and the manner in which he kept his opponent at bay with a consistently high percentage of first serves was particularly pleasing to his coach, Bob Brett, who has been trying to toughen the Californian's mental attitude towards the game.

"If you are not totally resolute against Jimmy he can smell it and immediately plays ten per cent better," said Brett. "You have to show him you are not going to roll over."

Davis will now meet David Pate, who proved marginally steadier than another hit-or-miss performer, Johan Kriek, winning 7-5, 6-2, while in the bottom half of the draw, Stefan Edberg predictably beat his doubles partner Anders Jarryd to set up a semi-final against Andres Gomez of Ecuador.

RESULTS (US unless stated): Men's singles: Quarter-finals: D Pate bt J Kriek, 7-5, 6-2; A Gomez (Ec) bt Andre Agassi, 6-2, 6-0; S Davis bt J Connors, 6-3, 6-4; S Edberg (Swe) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 6-3, 6-2. Women's singles: Semi-finals: B Gerken bt E Inoue (Japan), 6-1, 7-6; K Maleeva (Bul) bt B Nagelsen, 1-6, 7-6, 6-3. Women's doubles: Quarter-finals (British result): L Antonopolis (US) and C Monteiro (Br) bt A Hobbs (GB) and C Jolissaint (Switz), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Kelesi causes a shock

Carling Bassett's star might be waning, but another young Canadian tennis player, 17-year-old Helen Kelesi, is on the rise (Linda Pentz writes from Florida). Miss Kelesi, ranked 37th in the world, defeated Claudia Kohde-Kilsch of West Germany to reach the quarter-finals of the $300,000 Women's International Tennis Association Championships here on Amelia Island, Florida, 6-3, 6-4.

Miss Kelesi's fierce baseline game intimidated the languorous Miss Kohde-Kilsch. Even after squandering a 3-0 second-set lead, she fought back, saving a point to go 5-3 down before salvaging the match with a series of powerful ground stroke drives.

RESULTS: Third round (US unless stated): Z Garrison bt C Bassett (Can), 6-1, 7-5; M Maleeva (Bul) bt R Marsikova (Cz), 6-4, 6-0; T Phelps bt M Javer, 6-3, 6-2; K Rinaldi bt L McNeil, 6-3, 6-1; G Sabatini (Arg) bt M J Fernandez, 6-1, 6-4; H Mandlikova (Cz) bt R Farbank (SA), 6-2, 6-4; H Kelesi (Can) bt C Kohde-Kilsch (WG), 6-3, 6-4.

HOCKEY

Pakistan side are far from a pushover

From Sydney Friskin
Ipoh, Malaysia

Great Britain's experimental team have no illusions about their task when they meet a revitalized Pakistan side in their semi-final of the Sultan Azlan Shah tournament here today. Malaysia, conscious of their own midfield limitations, do not hold much hope of beating West Germany in the other semi-final.

In his assessment of Pakistan, Roger Self, the British team manager, said yesterday: "They have begun to look like a true Pakistan side and there is a different attitude in their approach. They now have two inside forwards who can carry the ball through midfield."

Looking back on Pakistan's eleventh place and India's twelfth at the World Cup tournament last October, he added: "I read nothing into the way the Pakistanis and Indians played at Willesden as they were a tired lot coming back immediately after the Asian Games in Seoul to play in the World Cup.

"Their results," Self added, "which were not truly representative of Indian and Pakistan hockey should not be misconstrued and if anyone thinks that India and Pakistan are no longer a threat, particularly Pakistan, they must be naive. I've seen it all before."

The Pakistanis themselves are looking forward to returning to Willesden when they meet Great Britain among other teams, in the international tournament on October 10 and 11. Their fortunes are now guided by Zaka-ud-Din. A member of their Olympic teams of 1960 and 1964, he combines the duties of manager and coach.

Bernie Cotton, Britain's assistant manager who is coaching the team out here, said while talking about the present tour: "It has broadened the umbrella and brought more players under our direction." He said 24 players would be invited to the next training weekend at Lilleshall on May 9 and 10, in preparation for the Champions Trophy tournament in Amsterdam from June 18 to 28.

There will be another training weekend at Cardiff where strong British sides will play two matches against Wales on May 23 and 24, after which the British team for the Champions Trophy will be announced. There will then be a final training weekend from June 12 to 14, before the departure for Amsterdam.

CRICKET

Little prospect of snow for opening match at Fenner's

By Richard Streeton

First-class cricket makes its usual, slightly apologetic start today with a solitary game between Cambridge University and Essex at Fenner's. It will have come as no surprise to the hardy enthusiasts who never miss the season's first over that the weather men predict a cooler, possibly damper weekend.

Unlike the American baseball season, where the President no less, pitches the first ball, cricket's opening match attracts attention only if it snows. Gentle practice is the main objective for the players; thermal underwear and flasks of soup are the regular requirement for spectators.

Essex, as county champions, are also concerned in the traditional first match at Lord's, against MCC next Wednesday. A week today there is a full county programme, the earliest starting date by 24 hours in the championship's long history.

Pakistan arrive the same weekend for their first five-match Test series in England since 1962. They start with the usual one-day fixture at Arundel on April 30 and the first Test match is at Old Trafford on June 4.

Cambridge University, who last year beat Oxford by five wickets, have named all seven Blues still in residence in a party of 13 for today's match. Among them is Paul Bail, the Somerset batsman, who made 174 at Lord's against Oxford.

David Price is captain for a second year and among the freshmen available is Michael Atherton, who during the winter led Young England in Sri Lanka. Recent rain has hampered the groundsmen's preparations and the field could be soft under foot.

Essex have chosen a full strength side and include their two important winter signings: Geoff Miller, the former England and Derbyshire all-rounder, and Hugh Page, the South African fast bowler.

Page, who is aged 24, was born in Salisbury, Rhodesia, as they were then called and plays for Transvaal. He bowls right-handed and is a hard-hitting left-hander in the lower, middle order. In 1982 he had a season with the Warwickshire Second XI.

- The ban on the sale of alcohol at Derbyshire cricket matches this season applies only between 2.30 and 6 p.m. each weekday and from 2 until 7 p.m. each Sunday, not all day, as reported yesterday.

Hadlee's mission

From a Special Correspondent, Colombo

Torrential rain which has broken the long spell of dry weather in Sri Lanka now threatens to disrupt the first Test with New Zealand here.

Rain ended play on the first day shortly after tea. Yesterday, a rest day, saw another heavy shower in the afternoon, raising doubts over whether there would be a full day's play today.

Sri Lanka resume their first innings at 141 for three, seeking a total beyond 350, which should be enough to avoid defeat.

To achieve that, Sri Lanka will be looking to their new opening batsman and wicketkeeper, Brendon Kuruppu, for another long stint at the crease. He has so far displayed great concentration and application in his four-hour innings of 66 not out.

He is line to become the first Sri Lankan cricketer to make a hundred on his Test debut. If he continues in the same vein as the first day, there is no reason why he should not achieve this.

Kuruppu's overnight partner is Arjuna Ranatunga, and to follow them are Mendis, the captain, and Madugalle, with Ravi Ratnayeke at number eight. Ratnayeke, originally picked as a medium pace bowler, has the strokes and staying power to score runs.

He opened the batting in one entire series in India and has succeeded at the highest level with a best score in Test matches of 96.

New Zealand will be looking for an early breakthrough from their leading bowler, Richard Hadlee, who has taken two of the three wickets to fall.

Hadlee, who took 23 wickets in three Tests against Sri Lanka here three years ago, is chasing Ian Botham's world record of 366 Test wickets. He was asked whether he would achieve it in the current series, and replied: "It won't be in this Test match."

SCORE: Sri Lanka 141 for three (D S B P Kuruppu 66 not out) v New Zealand.

TOWCESTER

Selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Greenore Pride. 2.30 Solent Lad. 3.0 Gallic Prince. 3.30 Gold Bearer. 4.0 Wyford. 4.30 Admirals All.

Going: good (chase course); good to soft (hurdles)

2.0 SCHLIZZI CHALLENGE BOWL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,190: 2m 50yd) (10 runners)

1 2410 LANDING BOARD P W Harris 9-11-10 R Stronge
2 3100 ROSTRA (CD) R Armytage 8-11-9 Mr M Armytage (4)
3 110P FINNESKO (CD) S Christian 9-11-8 Mr C Brooks (4)
5 3400 THE WELDER C Jackson 9-11-7 R Hyett
7 /P2F BALTIC O O'Neill 11-11-0 A Carroll
9 3030 MIDNIGHT SONG (CD) T Forster 12-10-10 H Davies
10 P40P MR MOUSE N Gaselee 8-10-7 P Scudamore
14 PP-P NEWGROVE LAD T Casey 12-10-3 R Dunwoody
15 3942 GREENORE PRIDE P Burgoyne 10-10-2 G McCourt
18 324F ARCHERS PRINCE C James 9-10-0 W Humphreys

5-2 Finnesko, 3-1 Rostra, 4-1 Landing Board, 6-1 The Welder, 8-1 Greenore Pride, 10-1 Baltic, 12-1 others.

2.30 TOWCESTER SPRING SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,540: 2m) (10)

6 00F0 FAVOURITE NEPHEW R Hodges 6-11-7 H Davies
9 00F2 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE (BF) R O'Neill 5-11-3 R Dunwoody
10 0041 SOLENT LAD (D) B Stevens 4-11-2 S Moore
12 2PPP CRIMSON SOL (B) G Thorner 6-11-0 C Brown
15 0003 SOHO SUE (BF) D Ancil 4-10-12 G McCourt
16 0000 YOUR CHOICE M Chapman 6-10-12 S Mitchell (7)
17 033F PATRALAN (BF) F Jordan 5-10-12 C Smith
18 0320 MAORI WARRIOR G Balding 5-10-12 —
23 -PPP SURELY A James 6-10-9 —
24 0P0/ DERETA'S DUDLEY J Price 6-10-9 R Rowe

5-2 Maori Warrior, 3-1 Soho Sue, 7-2 Solent Lad, 5-1 Duke Of Cambridge, 8-1 Patralan, 12-1 Favourite Nephew.

3.0 JACKSON-STOPS & STAFF CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL HUNTERS' CHASE (Amateurs: £758: 3m 190yd) (3)

2 3FU GALLIC PRINCE C Mathew 8-12-0 L Lay (7)
3 0/ IVANHOE CHARLIE P Hewitt 7-12-0 M Hewitt (7)
4 4/0- SHARAGAIN J M Turner 9-12-0 D Turner

5-4 Gallic Prince, 6-4 Sharagain, 7-2 Ivanhoe Charlie.

3.30 SCHLIZZI 1906 CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap chase: £2,162: 2m 5f 110yd) (9)

5 P020 WILY YEOMAN J Gifford 8-11-7 R Rowe
6 2132 GOLD BEARER F Winter 7-11-5 P Scudamore
7 /324 SUN RISING F Walwyn 9-11-5 K Mooney
8 B444 BRASS CHANGE (CD) I Dudgeon 9-11-4 M Richards
10 02F3 MISTER DONUT R Hodges 9-10-9 C Brown
11 314P ROYAL TO DO (B,CD) T Forster 11-10-9 H Davies
12 2133 KAMIR (C) A Jarvis 7-10-8 T Jarvis
13 3F0/ RUFUS T FIREFLY N Henderson 9-10-7 J White
14 P010 ROCK SAINT (C) G Gregson 10-10-7 R Stronge

2-1 Gold Bearer, 7-2 Sun Rising, 5-1 Wily Yeoman, 6-1 Kamir, 10-1 Mister Donut, 12-1 Rock Saint, 14-1 Brass Change.

4.0 PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL 750th ANNIVERSARY NOVICES' CHASE (£1,979: 3m 190yd) (16)

2 0-1F CRAMMER D Murray Smith 7-12-0 —
4 0U01 GENERAL CHRYSON J Gifford 7-12-0 R Rowe
6 31P3 MY MAJOR P W Harris 8-12-0 R Stronge
10 132P WICKED UNCLE F Winter 8-12-0 P Scudamore
11 3UP1 WOODSIDE ROAD (B) D Nicholson 7-12-0 NON-RUNNER
12 012F WYFORD T Forster 10-12-0 H Davies
16 430F CASTLE ANDREA D Jeffries 9-11-7 M Jenkins
17 43PF CATHY'S PAL J Chugg 7-11-7 G Mernagh
18 F00- CHEVRON BLUE S Christian 9-11-7 G McCourt
20 4-2P DANGEROUS GAME (B,BF) F Walwyn 8-11-7 K Mooney
22 00-0 FOREIGN EXCHANGE D Nicholson 7-11-7 —
26 P43F ISANEMOS (BF) A J Wilson 9-11-7 B Dowling (4)
27 2P0U LE VULGAN A Turnell 7-11-7 Steve Knight
30 F OVER THE BAR N Henderson 7-11-7 J White
33 3204 REDDOWN R Armytage 9-11-7 Mr M Armytage (4)
41 0P0 COTSWOLD PEARL T Forster 10-11-2 L Harvey (4)

4-1 General Chryson, 9-2 Wyford, 5-1 Wicked Uncle, 6-1 Crammer, 8-1 Dangerous Game, 10-1 Reddown, 12-1 others.

4.30 LITTLE EVERDON NOVICES' HURDLE (4-Y-O: £731: 2m) (16)

1 1002 ADMIRALS ALL (D) F Winter 11-1 P Scudamore
5 0410 TAMATOUR (D) D Ringer 11-1 G McCourt
9 COLONEL NICKLE T Casey 10-10 R Stronge
10 0000 DRY GIN (B) M Chapman 10-10 S Mitchell (7)
11 EGAU A Jarvis 10-10 T Jarvis
12 P FAST REALM D Wellcome 10-10 B Dowling (4)
14 4444 GRUNDY'S OWN (B) M Francis 10-10 M Richards
21 4FP MISAAFF Mrs D Haine 10-10 —
23 0F RATHAL D Nicholson 10-10 R Dunwoody
24 0 RED BREEZE A Jarvis 10-10 —
27 004 SOLVENT B Curley 10-10 D Murphy
29 03 THE QUIETSTAN R Parker 10-10 R Rowe
32 WOODENBRIDGE O O'Neill 10-10 M Caswell
33 FLYING FINCH F Walwyn 10-5 K Mooney
35 IN MY DREAMS J Weston 10-5 —
38 PRIZE MELODY N Gaselee 10-5 C Brown

6-4 Admirals All, 3-1 Tamatour, 5-1 Grundy's Own.

PLUMPTON

Selections

By Mandarin

2.30 Snitterfield. 3.0 Capistrano Climax. 3.30 Prasina Matia. 4.0 Terryash. 4.30 Aughra Boura. 5.0 Good Lord.

Going: good (with firm patches)

2.30 PRESTON PARK HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £2,067: 2m 4f) (17 runners)

2 00F1 LEGATE (D) J Old 10-12-0 —
5 1B22 JIMMY EDWARDS (BF) D Chesney 6-11-1 Dr D Chesney
6 F01P PRINCE MOON (C,D) G Balding 7-11-1 S Mullins (7)
7 100P CRESUN Mrs L Clay 8-11-1 C Willett (7)
11 2124 CASTLE TALBOT (CD) J Long 10-10-10 J Poulton (7)
12 00P0 GIOLLARETTA (D) G Gracey 8-10-8 P Townsley (7)
15 2F0P HOPEFUL KYBO J Gifford 7-10-7 T Grantham (4)
17 3-P4 MIDDLE-MARK (CD) M Madgwick 9-10-3 D Madgwick (7)
18 F040 BATU (B) D Grissell 6-10-2 —
20 0002 SNITTERFIELD (C) T M Jones 9-10-2 S Deasley (7)
22 0240 BEE ORCHID K Bailey 11-10-0 M Bradstock (7)
23 0FP0 HIGHLAND CARDINAL C Weedon 8-10-0 —
25 40P4 GREY TARQUIN J Bridger 15-10-0 R Bridger (7)
26 0023 CARRIGEEN HILL J King 16-10-0 S Cowley (7)
28 00-P STRAIGHT GIN A Taylor 6-10-0 A Taylor (7)
29 3000 DUST CONQUERER Miss B Sanders 6-10-0 D Benneyworth (7)
33 000P NIGHT ATTACK (B) J Elliott 11-10-0 Mrs C Elliott (7)

2-1 Prince Moon, 11-4 Middle Mark, 5-1 Cresun, 6-1 Jimmy Edwards, 8-1 Bee Orchid, Dust Conquerer, 14-1 others.

3.0 HALLANDS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£833: 2m) (16)

2 0300 TROJAN GOD (CD) J Ffitch-Heyes 5-11-9 Dale McKeown (4)
4 P-00 LADY LONGMEAD W G M Turner 6-11-2 —
7 0003 MISS ME NOT B Wise 5-10-13 R Rowell
8 0000 SHOWDANCE G Prest 4-10-12 M Bowlby (4)
9 0001 FLEET FOOTED (B) P Haynes 4-10-12 A Webb
11 0400 BAY POND D Underwood 5-10-11 S Sherwood
12 2041 CAPISTRANO CLIMAX W Kemp 4-10-10 S Shilston
14 0004 L'ETOILE DU PALAIS B Stevens 4-10-9 M Hoad
15 03PP SHERWOOD FOREST (B) J Sayers 5-10-9 G Landau (4)
17 08SP SOLSTICE BELL (B) R Voorspuy 5-10-9 M Furlong
18 0004 BOGARTS VIDEO D Grissell 4-10-9 Mr T Grantham (4)
19 0000 CHERRY LUSTRE B Stevens 4-10-9 M Stevens (7)
21 D0P0 KALIMPONG P Butler 5-10-9 C Warren (4)
22 0030 YAZEED (B) J Long 6-10-9 Leesa Long (7)
24 P00 WINTER'S BETA J Ffitch-Heyes 4-10-9 Penny Ffitch-Heyes (4)
26 0000 THE GOLF SLIDE Mrs A Knight 5-10-9 —

5-2 Fleet Footed, 7-2 Capistrano Climax, 9-2 Bay Pond, 5-1 Trojan God, 13-2 Yazeed, 10-1 Miss Me Not, 12-1 others.

3.30 BOB WIGNEY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,285: 2m) (16)

3 0300 TACHADOR (D) R Hodges 6-11-7 S McNeill
4 400- CORAL LEISURE (B,CD) G Balding 10-11-5 R Guest
5 2132 RIX WOODCOCK (D) G Kindersley 6-11-3 S Cowley (7)
8 4F00 END OF ERA (C) A Moore 9-10-13 G Landau (4)
9 00F0 MAFOO'S TOKEN (D) A Moore 7-10-12 G Moore
11 1402 PRASINA MATIA (D) N Gaselee 4-10-9 A Adams (7)
13 -151 PIP (D) S Woodman 7-10-7 S Shilston
14 0000 HIGH HEAVEN (CD) A Moore 9-10-7 W Morris
15 -000 ALLADO (CD) A Neaves 11-10-5 C Warren (4)
16 -0P0 HOUSTON BELLE (B,CD) J Jenkins 5-10-4 S Sherwood
17 0000 MR CARACTACUS (CD) G Gracey 6-10-3 Dale McKeown (4)
18 00F9 THE DIPLOMAT (D) W Kemp 9-10-2 —
20 1100 MAJUBA ROAD D Oughton 7-10-0 Penny Ffitch-Heyes (4)
23 3004 COURAGEOUS CHARGER (CD) A Moore 5-10-0 Candy Moore (4)
25 3/PP BAJAN BOY (D) C Wildman 7-10-0 S Gilmour (7)
26 0/F- BALLYGLUNIN A Denson 7-10-0 —

9-4 Majuba Road, 100-30 Prasina Matia, 4-1 Rix Woodcock, 6-1 Pip, 8-1 End of Era, 12-1 Coral Leisure.

4.0 DRONES RESTAURANT NOVICES' CHASE (£1,477: 2m) (15)

3 4404 BURNS LAD N Lee-Judson 7-11-7 —
6 0004 DARK COMIC J King 6-11-7 S McNeill
7 -0P3 DEVIL'S ARROW M Madgwick 6-11-7 A Madgwick
8 3P00 DIAMONDS HIGH D Grissell 6-11-7 Mr T Grantham (4)
14 U0-F LANGLEY COURT S Woodman 8-11-7 S Shilston
18 10FU MOU-DAFA M Pipe 7-11-7 Peter Hobbs
25 0P00 SHARED JOKE M Bolton 8-11-7 —
27 0300 TERRYASH J Francome 8-11-7 B de Haan
28 2024 THAMES TRADER P Haynes 6-11-7 A Webb
31 P02P UNCLE DAI J Bridger 8-11-7 Candy Moore (4)
33 UPPP VULBEAU D Grissell 7-11-7 J Akehurst
34 00-0 DARTCAN R Shepherd 6-11-2 Mrs C Smallman
35 FP MARSH FLOWER C Willett 9-11-2 —
36 PP MARSH PRINCESS C Willett 7-11-2 —
40 B023 VENETIAN PRINCESS A Moore 6-11-2 G Moore

15-8 Terryash, 3-1 Diamonds High, 5-1 Venetian Princess, 8-1 Burns Lad, 10-1 Mou-Dafa, Thames Trader, 12-1 others.

4.30 ABERGAVENNY CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,683: 3m 1f) (14)

3 0101 AUGHRA BOURA (C) J Gifford 11-11-9 Peter Hobbs
4 0PPP ROUND THE TWIST (CD) D Oughton 11-11-3 L Jenkins (7)
7 -123 CHOICE OF CRITICS (CD)(BF) R Akehurst 11-11-1 G Landau (4)
10 -PP0 PRIDE O'FIFE (B,D) Mrs L Clay 9-10-11 J Lovejoy
11 3143 DONAGHMOYNE Miss L Bower 10-10-9 Mr T Grantham (4)
12 3F1P MEARLIN (CD) J Old 8-10-6 —
13 2030 LE GRAN BRUN (D) J King 9-10-3 S McNeill
15 3000 BRIT (CD) W G M Turner 8-10-2 —
19 320F CELTIC HAMLET (D) J Long 8-10-0 —
20 0403 WAIT FOR ME N Lee-Judson 9-10-0 —
21 421- FLAMENCO DANCER R O'Sullivan 13-10-0 M Kinane
22 2/P2 DE PLUVINEL (D) G Prest 14-10-0 M Bowlby (4)
23 -30P MARK PAUL (CD) A Moore 11-10-0 Candy Moore (4)
25 0020 COMPTON BOY C Willett 11-10-0 —

9-4 Aughra Boura, 4-1 Choice Of Critics, 5-1 Mearlin, 6-1 Donaghmoyne, 8-1 Wait For Me, 10-1 Flamenco Dancer.

5.0 HAILSHAM NOVICES' HURDLE (£705: 2m) (18 runners)

1 4041 BENDICKS (B,D) A Moore 5-11-6 G Moore
2 0002 DISPORT (B) W Wightman 5-11-6 G Landau (4)
8 D CREGNEASH A Neaves 6-11-0 C Warren (4)
10 P04 DIPYN BACH A Denson 5-11-0 P Corrigan
11 EASTERN LEGEND Miss B Sanders 6-11-0 G Heaver (7)
13 0012 GOOD LORD (D,BF) G Balding 4-11-0 R Guest
15 00 KING KAS D Gandolfo 5-11-0 A Webb
17 MR MAGPIE D Grissell 5-11-0 Mr T Grantham (4)
18 PP MUHAJJAL B Stevens 5-11-0 —
21 0P PRIAM LODGE Miss L Bower 6-11-0 R Rowell
22 0010 RHODE ISLAND RED (D) A Moore 4-11-0 Candy Moore
24 P0 THE FROZEN NORTH Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0 M Pitman
26 4140 TURN FOR TH'BETTER (V) J Ffitch-Heyes 4-11-0 Penny Ffitch Heyes (4)
27 UNDERFIRE J Long 5-11-0 —
29 DI'S DELIGHT C Bravery 5-10-9 —
30 DONAMOR LASS B Stevens 5-10-9 M Stevens (7)
31 PP FOUR SHADOW R Curtis 5-10-9 K Traylor (7)
38 SPECKLE H James 7-10-9 —

7-4 Good Lord, 3-1 Bendicks, 9-2 Disport, 6-1 Dipyn Bach, 12-1 Turn For Th' Better, 14-1 Rhode Island Red, 20-1 others.

POINT-TO-POINT

Willie Wagtail and Q Bee in line for Times final

By Brian Beel

A busy weekend is ahead for point-to-point enthusiasts with 34 meetings spread over three days of racing. At six of today's meetings qualifiers for *The Times* Championship will be run.

The Curre have already divided their race. On her only outing this season, at Larkhill last week, Q Bee was looking dangerous when making a mistake and unseating her rider three fences from home. She may gain quick recompense in division one.

In the second, Willy Wagtail, another who failed to finish the course last time, could prevail.

Double Turn has not been seen since he was third in good company in the adjacent at Cottenham six weeks ago. He is an entry at the Bedale, about 200 miles from the area where he has previously been running. His journey should prove worthwhile.

Alison Dare's Tudor Pageant will be difficult to beat at the Ledbury but if Rich Remorse and Dona Leaze, who were first and second at Ashorne on Tuesday, turn out again his task will not be easy.

The smallest field of the day for the qualifier will probably be at the Linlithgow and Sterlingshire but with most of the runners rated within a pound or two of each other it will be very competitive. On last year's form, Sweet Henry may come out best even though he has not yet had an outing this season.

Arctic Mariner, outclassed competing in Land Rover and Audi events, may be more prominent in the restricted race at the Tetcott, but the lightly-raced Scallyfair is preferred.

The best bet in all *The Times* races, however, may be the already qualified Edged Gold at the Wheatland. He comfortably won his members' for Stuart Dickin at the Harkaway after a promising run into second place behind Queen's Son in the Flint and Denbigh qualifier.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Ashford Valley: Charing, 6m north east of Ashford off A20 (first race 2.0); Bedale and West of Yore: Hornby Castle, 4m south of Catterick off A1 (2.0); Curre: Howick, 2m west of Chepstow off B4235 (2.0); East Essex: Marks Tey, 5m west of Colchester off A12 (2.0); Garth and South Berks: Tweseldown, 3m west of Aldershot off B3013 (2.30); Ledbury: Maisemore Park, 2m north west of Gloucester off A417 (2.0); Linlithgow and Stirlingshire: Oatridge, 3m north of Uphall off B8046 (2.0); North Staffordshire: Sandon, 3m south east of Stone off A51 (2.0); Portman: Badbury Rings, 5m south east of Blandford off B3082 (2.0); Tetcott: Cramp, 6m north of Bude off A39 (2.0); Vale of Aylesbury: Kimble, 4m south of Aylesbury off A4010 (2.0); Vale of Lune: Whittington, 2m south of Kirby Lonsdale off B6254 (2.0); West Somerset Vale: Nedge, 4m north east of Wells off A39 (2.0); Wheatland: Bitterley, 4m north east of Ludlow off A4117 (2.0); Woodland Pytchley: Dingley, 2m east of Market Harborough off A427 (2.15).

$13.1m colt has first run at Phoenix Park

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Seattle Dancer, the son of Nijinsky who achieved an all-time record for a yearling sold at public auction when fetching $13.1 million to the bid of the Vincent O'Brien stable at Keeneland in the summer of 1985, makes his first appearance in the Heron Bloodstock Maiden at Phoenix Park this afternoon.

The winner's share of the prize amounts to more than Ir£4,140 but O'Brien, anxious to put behind him the memory of a disastrous 1986 season, will be hoping for a dazzling display that would be worth many times the purse value.

As a two-year-old, Seattle Dancer was a slow developer and showed no particular ability but the word is that he has come on by leaps and bounds over the winter and he has already been backed from 33-1 to 20-1 for the Derby.

O'Brien's son David also runs a nice newcomer here in Haunting Harmony and he looks most likely to test the favourite's ability.

Later in the day, O'Brien junior will be hoping that Stately Don retains his unbeaten record in the Harp Lager 2,000 Guineas Trial. He won his two races last season with the minimum of fuss and, although he did not take on the best of his age, his trainer's patience should be rewarded with a profitable second season.

This looks like being the best three-year-old race run so far in Ireland as all eight runners are previous winners. Darcy's Thatcher is the only group race winner in the field and he ended his juvenile career by finishing second to Sanam. On the score of consistency, he looks the danger to Stately Don.

I learnt with regret of the death yesterday morning of the former Irish trainer John Oxx who held a licence for 36 years. A shy reserved man, he achieved notable success when winning the Champion Stakes at Newmarket with Arctic Storm and eight Irish classics, including four renewals of the Irish Oaks.

On his retirement in 1978, he handed over his stable to his son, John Mortimer Oxx, who has likewise continued to do well with fillies.

- Church Warden will be ridden by Paul Croucher in Monday's Jameson Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse.

Blinkered first time

KEMPTON: 3.35 Sterne. 5.10 Shenley Romp. NEWCASTLE: 4.45 Nuale. HAYDOCK: 3.30 Harry Hunt 4.30 Folk Dance.

NEWTON ABBOT

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Anagmor's Daughter. 2.45 Mood Music. 3.15 Doubleton. 3.45 Might Move. 4.15 Paulatim. 4.45 Arbitrage.

Going: soft

2.15 TREMCO NOVICES' HURDLE (£1,280: 2m 5f 110yd) (16 runners)

2 1001 ROYAL HERO P Bowden 6-11-8 R Dennis
3 1022 ANAGMOR'S DAUGHTER K Bishop 6-11-3 J Frost
10 220F RAZZLE DAZZLE BOY W R Williams 5-11-2 A Jones
31 200 KILIMANJARO BOB (B) M Pipe 5-10-10 —
38 -000 MORNING EXCHANGE N Thomson 7-10-10 D Morris (7)
42 00 PARK COPSE N Henderson 5-10-10 S Smith Eccles
47 P PROGRESSIVE D Williams 8-10-10 —
49 P PUDDINGTON Mrs S Williams 5-10-10 —
56 PP0 TAMBLIN W R Williams 5-10-10 A Jones
57 034 TANGENT R Frost 7-10-10 C Hopwood (7)
65 00 CRESCENT COTTAGE (B) B Forsey 9-10-5 N Coleman
67 FLYING CHERUB Mrs J Retter 6-10-5 R Millman
68 P0 GOBLINS THIMBLES R Barber 8-10-5 S Morshead
69 0-P GOLDEN NATIVE A Gadd 9-10-5 —
70 0U-0 HONEY GAMBLE P Wakely 8-10-5 —
86 0002 TOUCH OF LUCK Mrs A Knight 5-10-5 George Knight

9-4 Anagmor's Daughter, 3-1 Park Copse, 9-2 Royal Hero, 7-1 Razzle Dazzle Boy, 8-1 Kilimanjaro Bob, 12-1 others.

2.45 PPG GLASS UK SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£1,074: 2m 150yd) (14)

1 PPPF ANOTHER DRAGON M Pipe 11-11-13 —
4 0022 MOOD MUSIC R Hodges 15-10-10 —
5 P0U0 DICK'S REVENGE (B) M Pipe 8-10-9 M Perrett
6 1FPP DOWNPAYMENT M Bolton 13-10-8 —
7 /04P MISTY FANTAN F Hollis 11-10-6 R Millman
12 0-P0 LUCKY MISTAKE (B) R Hodges 10-10-3 —
13 0F43 LANDAS ROCKET (B) G Gracey 9-10-3 D Morris (7)
15 004F TACOVA R Frost 9-10-0 J Frost
16 P000 SCOTTISH AIR B Scriven 10-10-0 A Jones
19 PPPP PRINCE BUSKINS F Gorman 12-10-0 —
20 0-0P DOC MYRING (B) A Barrow 7-10-0 —
21 3FFP NERO WOLF (D) R Juckes 10-10-0 —
22 0/0-0 HOME COMMAND J Bradley 7-10-0 G Davies
23 U8P0 HOLLOWELL F Hollis 7-10-0 M Muggeridge (7)

2-1 Mood Music, 5-2 Tacova, 7-2 Landas Rocket, 5-1 Dick's Revenge, 8-1 Lucky Mistake, 12-1 others.

3.15 ALCAN SYSTEMS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,998: 2m 150yd) (11)

1 2213 ATATAHO (C) J Roberts 11-11-10 S Morshead
5 30PP AKRAM (CD) R Hodges 9-11-7 C Brown
6 3340 FIRE DRILL (CD) K Bishop 12-11-6 P Richards
8 -FPU GRINGO J Honeyball 8-11-2 B Powell
9 212F DOUBLETON (B) L Kennard 6-11-0 —
10 2100 RIBOBELLE M Pipe 6-11-0 M Perrett
11 00P- KING'S JUG A Turnell 9-10-9 Steve Knight
13 2304 CRADLE OF JAZZ (BF) J Old 7-10-2 —
14 02U0 CHARLEMOUNT C Luxton 10-10-2 R Boucher (7)
15 -332 LUCYFAR P J Jones 11-10-0 C Mann
16 -233 YANGTSE-KIANG J Bradley 7-10-0 G Davies

7-2 Doubleton, 4-1 Atataho, 9-2 Ribobelle, 6-1 Fire Drill, 8-1 Cradle Of Jazz, 10-1 Lucyfar, 12-1 Akram, 20-1 others.

3.45 HUMPTY DUMPTY NOVICES' HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,028: 2m 150yd) (16)

1 4411 MIGHT MOVE (CD) M Pipe 11-8 J Lower
6 12 MOEL FAMMAU (CD) S Christian 11-2 A Mulholland (7)
7 1000 MYSTERY CLOCK (B) P Bailey 11-2 S Morshead
16 000 HAYS HILL R Frost 10-10 J Frost
17 F40 KUWAIT STAR N Thomson 10-10 D Morris (7)
22 000 PALMERSTON BOY A Moore 10-10 M Perrett
25 0000 RIVERS NEPHEW L Kennard 10-10 B Powell
26 P0 ROARING SPARK W G Turner 10-10 Tracy Turner (7)
30 0000 STARDUST ROC J Bradley 10-10 G Davies
31 4330 STORMGUARD A Turnell 10-10 Steve Knight
34 TOUR VIELLE P Bowden 10-10 R Dennis
36 044 WALCISIN J Baker 10-10 M Williams
42 0 DELTA ROSE M Davies 10-5 —
43 P FIREFOX LADY R Frost 10-5 C Hopwood (7)
46 0 SAUDI LADY J Bradley 10-5 D Tegg (7)
48 PP00 SMITHY'S GIRL N Ayliffe 10-5 R Millman

6-4 Might Move, 2-1 Moel Fammau, 9-2 Stormguard, 8-1 Mystery Clock, 12-1 Walcisin, Kuwait Star, 16-1 others.

4.15 KWEST GROUP HANDICAP CHASE (£3,173: 3m 2f 100yd) (11)

1 1013 NORTH LANE (CD) M Pipe 10-11-10 M Perrett
2 332F BROWN TRIX D Pitcher 9-11-7 Mr D Pitcher
3 1P10 FREDWEL P Bailey 12-11-7 S Morshead
4 23U0 CERIMAU J Edwards 9-11-6 T Morgan
5 0300 FITZHERBERT (B) L Kennard 9-11-3 D Browne
6 11-F PAULATIM N Henderson 7-11-2 S Smith Eccles
7 F42P JUST FOR THE CRACK K Bailey 9-10-13 A Jones
9 112- CULM PORT (CD) C Down 13-10-8 —
10 1UU0 MIDNIGHT MADNESS D Bloomfield 9-10-2 D Morris (7)
14 102P MAGGIE DEE (CD) R Frost 10-10-0 J Frost
15 P0-1 QUINNER (CD) P J West 11-10-0 C Cox

3-1 Paulatim, 9-2 North Lane, 5-1 Cerimau, 7-1 Quinner, 8-1 Brown Trix, 10-1 Fitzherbert, 12-1 Fredwel, 14-1 others.

4.45 FALCON WINDOWS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,918: 2m 150yd) (10)

6 0111 ARBITRAGE B Forsey 6-11-7 N Coleman
10 1140 REDGRAVE ARTIST (BF) M Pipe 6-11-3 —
12 0002 HANDY LANE (CD) L Kennard 6-10-11 B Powell
21 U202 REDGRAVE GIRL K Bishop 5-10-7 —
25 030P FLORI WONDER G Roe 7-10-0 P McDermott (7)
26 01PP BELLEKINO R Frost 6-10-0 J Frost
27 10PP BOLD DECEPTION (CD) W G Turner 11-10-0 Jessica Charles Jones (7)
28 0100 CUTTING EDGE (CD) B Isaac 7-10-0 R Millman
29 000- BABY BOY T Hallett 6-10-0 —
30 /3P- TYPESET (CD) T Keenor 7-10-0 —

7-4 Arbitrage, 11-4 Redgrave Artist, 7-2 Handy Lane, 6-1 Redgrave Girl, 8-1 Bold Deception, 14-1 Bellekino, 16-1 others.

CARLISLE

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Mac Charley. 2.45 Philly Athletic. 3.15 Mithras. 3.45 Sir Guest. 4.15 Duke Of Dollis. 4.45 Clever Folly.

Going: good to soft

2.15 WARWICK NOVICES' HURDLE (Div I: £685: 2m 330yd) (19 runners)

1 0202 PLEDGDON GREEN V Thompson 7-11-8 Mr M Thompson (4)
2 3300 MOLLY CAREW (CD) D Moffatt 7-11-3 K Teelan
3 0012 STRONGARM (B) R Dods 4-11-2 S Woods (7)
4 230- ABC SUPERSTAR D Moffatt 7-11-0 N Doughty
6 0-00 FRANK'S BOREEN R Peacock 7-11-0 K Ryan (7)
7 0-20 MAC CHARLEY N Crump 7-11-0 C Hawkins
8 0P- MARINER'S LAD P Bevan 5-11-0 —
10 00 TARTAN TRADEMARK (BF) G Richards 5-11-0 P Tuck
11 P CHARLE NE LADY Mrs B Broad 6-10-9 —
12 LIGHTAWAY J Charlton 6-10-9 P Dennis (4)
13 0P ORIENT LAUGHTER B McLean 5-10-9 C Grant
14 F0 QUALITY CLUB D Hodgson 5-10-9 J Phelan (7)
15 FELL MIST D MacDonald 4-10-8 —
17 000 OPPORTUNITY C J Bell 4-10-8 —
19 0P0 WATERFORD WAY R Hollinshead 4-10-8 P Dever
20 02 FLYING FLYNN J H Johnson 4-10-3 —
21 F JOINT DECISION S Payne 4-10-3 J K Kinane
22 LADY MANELLO Mrs A Hamilton 4-10-8 —
24 REGAL BEE W Reed 4-10-8 —

11-4 Flying Flynn, 7-2 Tartan Trademark, 9-2 Pledgdon Green, 11-2 Strongarm, 7-1 Mac Charley, 10-1 ABC Superstar.

2.45 CUMMERSDALE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£703: 2m 330yd) (16)

1 00 GRISAILLE'S DOUBLE P Bevan 6-12-2 —
5 3000 DR GUILLOTINE W Fairgrieve 12-11-7 G Thomson
7 0020 VELINDRE Mrs C Reavey 7-11-4 —
8 B203 PHILLY ATHLETIC S Kettlewell 5-11-4 S Turner
12 R00 WHY TUMBLE (B) R Hollinshead 5-10-12 M Botterill
13 00-P EDWEET (CD) W Storey 6-10-12 D Telfer
14 0PP0 BORDEAUX ROUGE (B) E Carter 6-10-11 K Ryan
15 -0P0 SMILING LAUREL Mrs B Waring 7-10-10 —
17 0/00 BEDFORD ROW J Redfern 7-10-9 L O'Hara
19 DUNARAM P Daly 12-10-8 A Somers
20 00-0 SOCHER Mrs B Butterworth 6-10-7 S Woods
21 000U DR CORNELIUS (B) F Barton 6-10-7 D Carcary
22 -000 HAYMAN (B) D McCain 7-10-7 A Murphy
23 0000 CAPE TOWN GIRL (CD) M Bowker 5-10-7 —
24 P000 GOLD PROFIT W Young 7-10-7 R Hodge
25 0-00 BOW HANDY MAN J Redfern 5-10-7 —

15-8 Philly Athletic, 7-2 Velindre, 9-2 Cape Town Girl, 6-1 Why Tumble, 8-1 Dr Guillotine, 10-1 Dr Cornelius, 14-1 others.

3.15 JOHN DIXON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,208: 3m) (10)

2 3240 RICHDEE (D) N Crump 11-11-11 C Hawkins
3 2444 MISS MAYO (CD) Mrs G Reveley 10-11-6 P Niven
5 U022 MITHRAS (D)(BF) B Preece 9-11-3 P Tuck
7 P3-P COOL MAGIC (D) Miss Z Green 9-11-1 D Nolan
8 FP12 DAY OF WISHES (CD) W A Stephenson 11-10-7 R Lamb
9 3100 PURPLE BEAM T Barnes 8-10-5 J K Kinane
10 240P MIGHTY RUN (B) W A Stephenson 9-10-2 T P White (7)
11 -032 RABINSKI (CD) J Hellens 12-10-0 P Dennis (4)
12 303U WARDSOFF (B,C) T Cuthbert 10-10-0 C Grant
13 3342 VICTORY MORN J Dixon 11-10-0 K Doolan

3-1 Rabinski, 7-2 Mithras, 4-1 Richdee, 6-1 Day Of Wishes, 8-1 Purple Beam, 10-1 Miss Mayo, 12-1 others.

3.45 B N F L SELLAFIELD NOVICES' CHASE (£1,256: 2m) (17)

1 0013 KEEP DREAMING (C) J Charlton 10-11-6 P Dennis (4)
2 0P/0 ARK INVADER W Storey 8-11-0 D Telfer (7)
3 PP BALLY PALLADY J H Johnson 6-11-0 R Goswell (7)
4 F4F0 CHIPCHASE (B) B Wilkinson 7-11-0 G Harker
5 0/F COCKLEY BRIG R Brewis 10-11-0 —
7 000- DEREK'S BAY J Redfern 10-11-0 C Grant
8 0424 FOREST GOLD N Crump 7-11-0 C Hawkins
9 P000 HELLCATMUDWRESTLER W McGhie 6-11-0 J J Quinn
11 MAESGWYN ETO G Richards 9-11-0 P Tuck
12 04U3 PARAGLO W Sample 9-11-0 Mr C Sample
14 -000 RUSHYFORD V Thompson 9-11-0 Mr M Thompson (4)
15 4033 SIR JEST W A Stephenson 9-11-0 R Lamb
16 -FPP SLANEY PRINCE R Barr 7-11-0 —
17 PPP- THE RINK J Redfern 7-11-0 G Martin
19 4004 CHANCES PITCH P Daly 6-10-9 Mr M Walsh (7)
20 4032 GRANGE HILL GIRL J Jefferson 6-10-9 N Doughty
23 0032 OAKGROVE P Monteith 5-10-7 D Nolan

7-2 Grange Hill Girl, 4-1 Oakgrove, 5-1 Sir Jest, 6-1 Keep Dreaming, 8-1 Chances Pitch, 10-1 Forest Gold, 12-1 Paralgo.

4.15 CARLISLE RACE CLUB MEMBERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,293: 2m 330yd) (10)

1 0830 SOLDBY (BF) Mrs M Kendall 7-11-7 Mrs M Kendall
2 0022 ACERCATE (V,BF) P Charlton 6-11-7 A Charlton (7)
3 /30- CROFTON VIEW J Dixon 9-11-5 K Doolan
4 -F00 RINUS (CD) G Richards 6-11-4 P Tuck
5 3100 CARAT STICK (CD) F Walton 7-11-4 Mr J Walton
6 0441 DUKE OF DOLLIS W Storey 8-11-4 (5ex) D Telfer (7)
7 43-P THETCHU W Reed 9-11-3 R Lamb
8 221/ HOLLY BUOY Mrs G Reveley 7-11-1 P Niven
12 0/00 MAYBELLA S Payne 8-10-4 J K Kinane
15 4204 KELSEY LADY J Haldane 9-10-1 C Grant

2-1 Duke Of Dollis, 100-30 Acercate, 5-1 Kelsey Lady, 7-1 Rinus, 8-1 Soldby, 10-1 Carat Stick, 12-1 others.

4.45 WARWICK NOVICES' HURDLE (Div II: £685: 2m 330yd) (17)

2 1U SNOOKER TABLE (BF) C J Bell 4-11-2 C Grant
4 0402 CLEVER FOLLY (BF) G Richards 7-11-0 P Tuck
6 FP-P FROM CLARE-TE-HERE R Peacock 6-11-0 K Ryan (7)
7 GREEN VILLE J Pringle 5-11-0 C Hawkins
8 INTO THE MYSTIC B McLean 7-11-0 P Niven
10 0032 LORD SUN D Moffatt 5-11-0 K Teelan
12 0F SID MCQUAID W A Stephenson 6-11-0 R Lamb
14 COPPER CAULDRON F Walton 5-10-9 Mr J Walton
15 0P ERRINOW D Moffatt 8-10-9 Amanda Glendinning (7)
16 404/ HEARTBREAK HOTEL Mrs B Butterworth 9-10-9 S Woods (7)
18 P0 KRUSHENKA R Barr 10-10-9 —
19 0 OH DEAR J J O'Neill 5-10-9 G Lyons (7)
20 P OVERTON LASS W Young 7-10-9 D Nolan
21 0 QUEEN'S DARLING Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-10-9 J J Quinn
22 2023 TINA'S BRIG (BF) P Daly 6-10-9 J K Kinane
23 CARRICK HILL LAD J S Wilson 4-10-8 T G Dun
24 LOCHLAIREY E Alston 4-10-3 M Alston (7)

5-2 Clever Folly, 3-1 Snooker Table, 9-2 Queen's Darling, 6-1 Tina's Brig, 8-1 Lord Sun, 10-1 Oh Dear, 12-1 others.

Ignore us at your peril warn the terraces

By Ian Ross

The voice of the long-ignored football supporter is beginning to rise from a whisper to a scream. Born out of the frustrations of six Merseyside supporters who were tired of being ill-informed and taken for granted by the game's governing bodies, the Football Supporters Association, an organization whose initial aims were unashamedly basic, is gathering momentum.

Indeed, the esteem in which the FSA is now held was amply demonstrated this week when the founder member and driving force, Rogan Taylor, a 41-year-old student studying for a PhD in primitive religion at Lancaster University, delivered a paper at the first World Congress of Science and Football at Liverpool's Albert Dock complex.

Taylor, who labels himself a "football lover" rather than a supporter and who consequently has divided his loyalties equally between Everton and Liverpool over the past three decades, laid the cornerstone of the FSA in August 1985 – three months after 39 people had lost their lives in the Heysel Stadium tragedy.

"It was not simply a reaction to the disaster but the end product of many years of standing on terraces and wondering exactly why it was that the supporters had no voice in the game" he said.

"Some people still regard us as an organisation whose sole aim is to combat the rising tide of hooliganism but while we will do everything we can to eradicate that particular problem, we have a diversity of objectives.

A bicycle wanting to be ridden

"We are operating on a shoestring budget at the moment but I am sure that this is the future for all supporters who really care about football. We at the FSA are merely the bicycle if you like and we want people to ride us. We know we represent the views of a significant proportion of British football fans," he added.

With more than 2,500 paid up members and 12 regionally based branches, the FSA is, rather belatedly, being taken seriously by football's insular and often stubborn hierarchy. Only last month a petition bearing 15,000 names was handed over to the Football Association, listing a myriad of complaints about the running of last year's all Merseyside FA Cup Final.

The document, comprehensively and professionaly compiled, pulled no punches, accusing the FA of unfairly allocating tickets to the two clubs, doing little to stamp out the annual problem of black-market trading and ignoring turnstile corruption at Wembley Stadium.

"We still await an official response. The FA were very lucky last year in so much as they had possibly the best integrated crowd of fans in the game to deal with," said Taylor.

Taylor's demands and recommendations are many. He would dearly love to see supporters consulted about what he regards as fundamental issues. "The FSA is ideally positioned to poll the opinions of a wide cross section of supporters quickly and efficiently. Such issues as

Supporters deserve to be heard

kick-off times, ticket allocation for important games, club-community involvement, artificial playing surfaces, membership schemes are all of vital concern to the supporters.

"Supporters consistently provide the major part of the funding for the game, paying more than £50m a season through the turnstiles. Despite this, research into their motivation, their preferences as consumers and their feelings about the laws of the game is virtually non-existent.

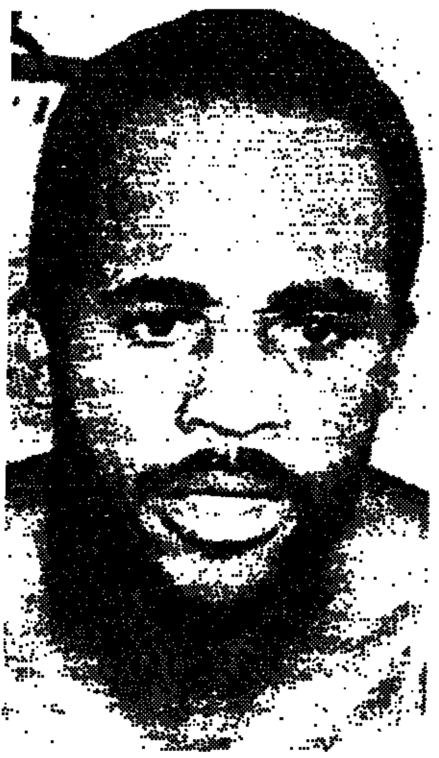
"There has been a massive tradition of fans being nothing more than turnstile fodder over the past 100 years. We are taken for granted. Clubs have wanted to have their cake and also eat it. When they are successful they say they are private businesses but when things start going wrong they turn to their supporters and say 'Please help us, we are a part of your community'. They can't have it both ways any longer" he added.

Taylor confesses he would like to see fans allowed into club boardrooms – if only in an advisory capacity. "I am not talking about a seat on the board but the time has surely come for democratically elected representatives to be heard. We would like to see a supporters ombudsman appointed, someone who can help the fans."

"Times have changed so radically in the last decade that continued disregard of the game's main funders could lead very quickly to there being no football at professional level left to support," he added.

BOXING: CANNY AMERICAN CHALLENGER IS THREATENING TO SPRING A SURPRISE ON BRITAIN'S WORLD CHAMPION

Honeyghan moves into the unknown



Honeyghan: Relying on pressure tactics

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

Lloyd Honeyghan could be in for the toughest fight of his career when he defends his World Boxing Council welterweight title against Maurice Blocker, of the United States, at the Albert Hall tonight.

Honeyghan could find himself in danger of falling into the kind of trap Sugar Ray Leonard laid for Marvin Hagler last week, when the champion failed to adapt to Leonard's tactical approach.

Honeyghan knows little more about Blocker than the basic information: that he is 5ft 11¾in tall, a tougher proposition than Johnny Bumphus, whom Honeyghan stopped in two rounds, a smooth boxer with a good defence who has never been floored, and one who has won all his 24 contests, 13 inside the distance. But Honeyghan does not know what is going to be Blocker's approach to his own pressure tactics.

Blocker's strategist, Bob Miles, said yesterday: "You saw what Leonard did against Hagler, well, Maurice can do that sort of thing. We did not need Leonard to show us how. We know styles make fights. We know everything about Honeyghan. We have studied all his fights."

Blocker's second trainer, Fred Brown, added: "Honeyghan has not fought anybody that has been in top shape in his last six fights. Sylvester Mittee is probably his best opponent." Brown, the brother of Simon Brown, the other highly regarded stablemate of Blocker's, added: "We saw things that Honeyghan did against Horace Shufford that we are going to capitalize on. They were so obvious. We saw Shufford trying to counter them, only he did not have the strength. Honeyghan's errors are so easy to deal with and it only needs a fighter with a decent punch, not even a heavy punch."

"Honeyghan knows very little about us," Miles said. "Even back home people don't know much about Maurice. He has never been on national television. This will be his first time on network television." Blocker, who did all his preparation before coming here, went through the motions in the Lonsdale gym in Carnaby Street the other day and experts agreed he looked extremely sharp and eager, but frail compared to the compact, bustling Honeyghan. When this was mentioned to Miles, the trainer smiled

"Frail?" he asked. "Who could have been more frail than Shufford, and Honeyghan took nine rounds to despatch him.

Blocker gave evidence of his punching power when he stopped Adam George last February in two rounds. This was a good win for the challenger for George not only beat Prince Rodney, who was then British light-middleweight champion, on points, but then came back to Britain again to go 10 rounds with Errol Christie, a full middleweight.

Blocker will clearly try to use his weight advantage and stiff left jab to stay out of trouble and stay ahead, while Honeyghan will be trying to cut him off and shove him into a telephone box to get in powerful blows to the body that will bring Blocker's hands down and bow the head.

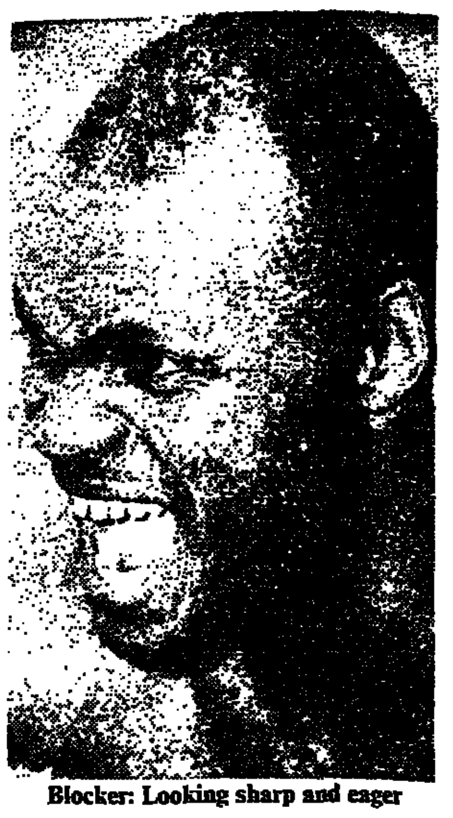
As Blocker has been converted from southpaw to orthodox, Honeyghan will have to watch out for the straight right hand. It is a good one. Much will depend on Blocker's footwork and stamina; if he slows down he will be stopped.

Tale of the tape

Honeyghan		Blocker
26	Age	23
10st 7oz	Weight	10st 7lb
5ft 8½in	Height	5ft 11¾in
68in	Reach	74¾in
	Chest	
38in	Normal	34in
40in	Expanded	37in
16in	Biceps	13½in
11in	Forearm	11in
30in	Waist	29in
18½in	Thigh	21in
15½in	Calf	15in
16in	Neck	15½in
6¾in	Wrist	7¼in
10¾in	Fist	12in
9in	Ankle	11in

RECORDS

Honeyghan: 29 wins, 0 defeats; 0 draws.
Blocker: 24 wins, 0 defeats, 0 draws.



Blocker: Looking sharp and eager

FOOTBALL

Birmingham are confident of re-signing Francis

By Chris Moore

John Bond, the Birmingham City manager, and his chairman, Ken Wheldon are flying to Italy next week to try and tempt Trevor Francis back to St Andrews, although talk of paying him £2,000 a match was dismissed by Wheldon last night.

"I don't know where that figure came from but it certainly wasn't from me," he said.

Bond and Wheldon have been carrying out negotiations with the former England international over the telephone. "I haven't yet met Trevor myself but I would think we must be favourites to sign him because of his past links with the club. We're certainly hoping to tie up the deal within the next few days,"Weldon said..

● Brian Clough is battling to retain the services of Dutch international Johnny Metgod who is considering quiting English football when his present contract expires at the end of the season.

Metgod cost Clough £275,000 when he joined Nottingham Forest from Real Madrid three years ago. But he negotiated a clause in his contract that restricts his fee, should he be sold, to £250,000.

● Ron Saunders, the West Bromwich Albion manager, was criticised yesterday for divulging the names of two directors he accused of being opposed to him. Sid Lucas, the club's chairman, said the manager's decision to name names at a branch meeting of the club's Supporters Association had been "most unfortunate".

But Lucas added: "There is no opposition to Mr Saunders from any member of the board, only deep concern for the position the club find themselves in at this particular time."

● With the exception of Danny Wilson, the Brighton midfield player, manager Billy Bingham has called on virtually everyone, injuries permitting, who has pretensions to play international football for Northern Ireland for the European Championship game against Yugoslavia at Windsor Park, Belfast on April 29.

NORTHERN IRELAND SQUAD: G Dunlop (Linfield), J Platt (Coleraine), G Fleming (Nottingham Forest), J Nicholl (Rangers), J McClelland (Watford), A McDonald (QPR), M Donaghy (Luton), N Worthington (Sheffield Wednesday), D McCreery (Newcastle), P Ramsey (Leicester), B McNally (Shrewsbury), L Sanchez (Wimbledon), N Whiteside (Manchester United), K Wilson (Ipswich), J Quinn (Swindon), C Clarke (Southampton), J O'Neill (Leicester), D Campbell (Nottingham Forest), R McCoy (Coleraine).

Giles finds himself in Cup squad

Ray Giles, the Aberavon captain and scrum half who has played twice for his country, will go with Wales to the World Cup next month. He takes the place of the unfortunate Jonathan Griffiths, who broke his collarbone playing for Llanelli in midweek. (David Hands writes).

Giles, aged 26, made his Welsh debut against Romania in 1983 and was a replacement against Fiji two years ago. He has held off the challenge of Mark Douglas, late of London Welsh but now with Neath against whom, under other circumstances, he would have played on Monday. Now Giles will confine himself to today's game against London Welsh.

Another Neath scrum half, Andrew Booth, has recovered from ligament injury in time to win selection for Wales's first under-21 international, against Scotland at Wrexham next Saturday. The Swansea University student damaged knee ligaments playing for the Welsh Universities against English Universities last month but now displaces Richard Williams, of Gloucester.

Andy Griffiths, the Ebbw Vale wing, and Nick Jones, Maesteg's lock, also win places

WALES UNDER-21: J Callard (Newport); A Griffiths (Ebbw Vale), M Hall (Maesteg, capt), S Davies (Llanelli), G Davies (Neath); D Evans (Cardiff), A Booth (Neath); F Hillman (Newport), K Gregory (Newbridge), D Young (Swansea), D Bryant (Bridgend), N Jones (Maesteg), J Wakeford (South Wales Police), R Webster (Swansea), S Bryant (Bridgend). Replacements: S Hill (Newbridge), A Clement (Swansea), R Williams (Gloucester), W Davies (Bridgend), J Mainwaring (Pontypool), M Langley (Penarth).

RUGBY UNION

Barbarians give Bidgood a treat

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

While many elements of the traditional rugby scene are changing, some Easter treats remain the same: the continuing series of Border sevens in Scotland and Cardiff's encounter with the Barbarians today, which brings particular pleasure since Roger Bidgood makes his first appearance for the famous touring club.

Bidgood, the fireman who plays for Pontypool, sprung to prominence in January when he was picked to win his first Welsh cap against Ireland. International midfield players from Pontypool are rare but the match was postponed and by the time the next team announcement came, John Devereux had regained fitness and Bidgood was overlooked, his fires dampened.

He has yet to win that first cap but membership of the Barbarians will be some compensation and it will be an interesting variation for him to play outside an Italian stand-off half in Stefano Bettarello. This is the player who, in some 50 appearances, has scored well over 400 points for Italy.

Another newcomer to the Barbarians is Martin Offiah, the Rosslyn Park wing who toured with the England Students in France this week. He scored a try in the first match and, though the ball did not run his way, defended superbly in the second to enhance a growing reputation.

Cardiff field a team close to that which will play in the Schweppes Welsh Cup final next month, though it does not include Richard Cardus at centre. Alun Donovan and Mark Ring are preferred and the only absentee is Mike Rayer, who rests a hamstring and leaves the substantial presence of Chris Webber at full back.

The Harlequins are also regular visitors to Wales over Easter but it will be David Cooke's last tour. The former England flanker, who won 12 caps, is to retire because of increasing business commitments and will hope to go out on a high note against Llanelli on Easter Monday.

Cooke will be interested to watch the performance against Swansea today of young Martin Haag, the former England Schools and St Ives lock who played for Cornwall in this season's successful county championship side. Haag is due to become a student in London next season and comes to Harlequins with a recommendation from one of their most distinguished old boys, Vic Roberts.

Scotland task

Scotland's World Cup players will be seeking to boost their morale with a big win over Spain at Murrayfield tomorrow.

Bob Munro, who manages the party in New Zealand and Australia, acknowledged this, adding: "It is also vital that we collect no more injury worries."

Having already lost their No. 8, John Beattie, there was a further setback for Scotland when fly-half John Rutherford was injured playing in Bermuda. He hopes to be fit for the World Cup, but his place against Spain goes to Andrew Ker (Kelso).

GOLF

Vilmorin Cup off to Spain

From a Correspondent,
Paris

England could do no better than take third place in the Vilmorin Cup tournament for junior women at St Nom-la-Breteche yesterday. With three scores out of four counting on each of two days, they had a total of 480, finishing 16 strokes behind Spain and 11 behind Sweden, the runners-up.

As on Thursday, the English players were bewildered by fast, tricky greens and missed a stream of short putts. Their best player was again Susan Shapcott. She scored 79, seven over par, one stroke ahead of Lora Fairclough and Mary-Jane Cornelius.

The fourth member of the England team, Julie Wade, finished with an 83 and, with a total of 165, missed the qualifying cut for the French junior championships starting today, by one shot.

The English qualifiers are Miss Shapcott (157), Miss Fairclough (162), Miss Cornelius (162), Sara Robinson (154), Sarah Bennett (154), Katie Tebbet (158) and Clare Brecken (160). The leader, on 148, is Mary Carmen Navarro, of Spain.

Putting nightmare

Laura Davies's big hitting counted for little when she played her first competitive round in Japan yesterday. Miss Davies, Europe's leading money-winner for the past two seasons, struggled on the greens as she scored a six-over-par 80 on the opening day of the Tokushima Tsukinoniya Open.

TODAY'S CLUB TEAM NEWS

First division

Aston Villa v Everton

Both of Aston Villa's wingers, Walters and Daly, are doubtful. Burke, an 18-year-old, stands by for his debut. With Sharp and van den Hauwe recovered from injury and Snodin over his suspension, Everton's squad is at full strength.

Leicester v West Ham

Russell, signed from Manchester United a few hours before the transfer deadline, could make his debut for Leicester, who await the result of Moran's fitness test. Gale, unavailable in midweek, returns for West Ham United.

Liverpool v Nott'ham F

Liverpool have lost one midfield representative, Molby, and may be without another, Spackman, but a third, Johnston, is available again. Forest are expected to be unchanged.

Luton v Coventry

Harford and Grimes return from suspension for Luton Town and will replace either Newell or Mark Stein and Harvey respectively. Pickering is the only doubt in the Coventry City lineup that beat Leeds United in the FA Cup semi-final

Man City v Watford

Since Gidman and Reid, his probable understudy, are both ruled out, May comes in as City's right back. Either Sinnott or Allen will be the substitute for Watford, who are unchanged.

Newcastle v Man United

Goddard is still receiving treatment for the leg injury he suffered before scoring Newcastle's winner at Highbury. Manchester United, without Robson, could also lose Stapleton and Colin Gibson. Whiteside returns from suspension.

QPR v Chelsea

Fenwick, missing for two games, is to see a specialist about a persistent groin problem. Rangers are unchanged. Chelsea, who lost 6-0 at Loftus Road last season, have yet to remove doubts about Durie, Pates and Wicks.

Southampton v Oxford

Although Wright and Bond have required treatment, both are expected to play in an otherwise unchanged Southampton side. Briggs and Whitehurst are no longer under suspension, Langan is no longer injured but Oxford United have delayed selection.

Tottenham v Charlton

Ardiles, Galvin and Hughton are included in Tottenham squad of 14 but Stevens, hurt in midweek, is excluded. Crooks, formerly at White Hart Lane, is a victim of influenza and Melrose could also be ruled out but Shirtliff and Peake return for Charlton

Wimbledon v Arsenal

Fashanu and Hodges come back for Wimbledon after suspension and Joseph, a forward on loan from Brentford, is also selected. Cork, Sayer and Wise are dropped. Arsenal retain the squad selected in midweek against Newcastle.

Second division

Reading v Portsmouth

Reading's lone doubt concerns Williams, a winger suffering from a bruised thigh. Portsmouth will probably be unchanged.

Leeds v Ipswich

Leeds United, who recovered from their FA Cup semi-final defeat by winning in midweek, will be at full strength. Ipswich Town will be anything but. Atkinson, Cole, D'Avray and Deehan are all unavailable but Atkins and Cooper could return.

FOOTBALL AND RUGBY RESULTS

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Macclesfield 3, Witton 2.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Fareham 1, Folkestone 2.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Watford 3, Bristol Rovers 0.
ESSEX LEAGUE: Maldon 2, East ham 4.
SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: Cup final: Arundel 1, Whitehawk 0 (At Shoreham FC).

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 0, Barnstaple 0; Bristol M Farm 1, Chard Town 0; Clandown 1, Frome Town 0; Bristol City 2, Minehead 1; Clevedon Town 0, Weston-super-Mare 0; Dawlish Town 0, Exmouth Town 1; Liskeard Athletic 0, Saltash United 0, Torrington 1, Plymouth Argyle 0; Taunton Town 3, Paulton Rovers 0. League Cup: Semi-final: Mangotsfield Utd 5, Chippenham 1.
OLYMPIC QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT (In Amman): Jordan 1, Iraq 2.

Thursday's results

WELSH FA CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Newport 2, Wrexham 1.
IRISH LEAGUE TNT GOLD CUP: Portadown 0, Newry 2.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Newcastle 0, Liverpool 3
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Charlton Athletic 2, Brighton 2.
GMAC CUP: Fourth round, replay: Maidstone 0, Aylesbury 3.
MULTIPART LEAGUE: Mossley 2, Burton 0; Morecambe 1, Bangor City 1.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: Semi-final, second leg: Hednesford 0, Bromsgrove 0 (aet; score at 90min: 0-0; agg: 1-1; Hednesford won 4-2 on penalties). Premier division: Willenhall 0, Corby 2.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Harrow 3, Hendon 0. First division: Tilbury 2, Wembley 1. Second division north: Letchworth 3, Collier Row 1.
ESSEX THAMESIDE TROPHY: Semi-final: Billericay 1, Purfleet 0.
KNIGHT EASTERN FLOODLIT: Semi-final: Stevenage 1, Dover 1.
LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: First division: BROB Barnet 1, Walthamstow Trojans 3.
LONDON SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Second replay: Hampton 0, Erith and Belvedere 0 (aet).
LEAGUE OF IRELAND: FAI Cup: Semi-final (replay): Dundalk 3, Bohemians 0

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Vale of Lune 13, Sale 22; Broughton Park 19, Winnington Park 18; Plymouth 10, Wasps 44; Weston-super-Mare 15, Birmingham 18; Bath Old Edwardians 0, Silhillians 6.

Thursday's results

CLUB MATCHES: Portsmouth 41, Trojans 0; Lydney 14, Gloucester 17:

HAMPSHIRE SENIOR MERIT TABLE: Eastleigh 15, Southampton 6.
COUNTY MATCH: Oxfordshire Oxtails 8, Berkshire 2nd XV 32.

PORTUGAL: Sagres International Tournament: RC Lousa 6, Stamford School 15; Academica 6, Christ's College Brecon 16. Final: Stamford School 8, Christ's College 7.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Wigan 42, St Helens 12; Hull 8, Hull Kingston Rovers 21; Salford 36, Oldham 30; Widnes 25, Warrington 18. Second division: Carlisle 16, Whitehaven 11; Fulham 16, Rochdale 33.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

ROAD RUNNING: Guernsey Festival Six Miles (at Country Parishes): 1, W Dee (Luton Utd), 28min 42sec (course record); 2, G Payne (Basildon), 28:49; 3, T Simmons (Luton Utd), 28:56; Veteran: A Rushmer (Tipton H), 32:39. Team: 1, Luton United, 12 pts; 2, Aldershot and Farnham, 28. Women: 1, B Cardy (Bromsgrove), 35 35; 2, K Bowler (Arena 80), 36:26; 3, E Adams (Sutton in Ashfield), 36:47.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: American League: Toronto Blue Jays 4, Boston Red Sox 2; Seattle Mariners 6, Oakland Athletics 5. Postponed: Cleveland Indians v Baltimore Orioles.
National League: Montreal Expos 4, St Louis Cardinals 3; Pittsburgh Pirates 6, Chicago Cubs 0; San Diego Padres 3, Los Angeles Dodgers 2 (in 10); New York Mets 9, Philadelphia Phillies 3.

BASKETBALL

HOME COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Ireland 82, Wales 67
UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Atlanta Hawks 117, Chicago Bulls 114; Los Angeles Lakers 110, Utah Jazz 97; Seattle Supersonics 118, Los Angeles Clippers 87; Sacramento Kings 123, Denver Nuggets 117.

BOXING

MARSEILLE: French light-heavyweight title (10 rounds): Rufino Angulo bt Richard Caramanolis, ko 2nd.

FOOTBALL

BRAZIL: Rio de Janeiro League: Vasco da Gama 2, Cabofriense 0; America 1, Mesquita 0; Flamengo 2, Olaria 0; Americano 1, Goytacaz 1. Sao Paulo League: Sao Bento 1, Corinthians 0; Santos 3, Bandeirante 0; Guarani 0, Mogi Mirim 0; Botafogo 1, Novorizontino 0; Jau 1, Inter Limeira 0; Ferroviaria 1, Sao Paulo 1; Piracicaba 2, Juventus 1.
OLYMPIC QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT: European Group D: Switzerland 1, Bulgaria 1 (at Langenthal, Switzerland).

GOLF

TOKYO: Tsukinomiya Women's Classic Tournament: First round leaders: 69: M Suzuki (Japan); 70: Wu Ming-yeh (Taiwan); K Yamaguchi (Japan); 71: T Osako (Japan); Tu Ai-yu (Taiwan); 73: Tai Yu-hsia (Taiwan); 74: Huang Bie-shyun (Taiwan); 75: Chen Li-ying (Taiwan); Kim Man-soo (S Kor); Cheng Mei-chi (Taiwan). British score: 80: L Davies.
SEOUL: South Korean Open: Leading scores: 137: B Tennyson (US), 72, 65. 140: J Hallet (US), 70, 70. 141: P Fowler (Aus), 72, 69; Kim Hak-sen (S Kor), 70, 71. 142: K Suzuki (Japan) 70 72; Chen Liang-Hsi (Taiwan), 74, 68. 143: Hsien Chin-Sheng (Taiwan), 70, 73; J Hart (US), 73, 70; Cho Ho-sang (S Kor), 73, 70; Hong Young-pyo (S Kor), 71, 72.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Semi-final play-off series: Smythe division: Winnipeg Jets 6, Calgary Flames 1 (Winnipeg win 4-2). Adams division: Quebec Nordiques 5, Hartford Whalers 4 (in ot) (Quebec win 4-2). Patrick division: New York Islanders 5, Washington Capitals 4 (Series tied 3-3). Philadelphia Flyers 5, New York Rangers 0 (Philadelphia win 4-2). Norris division: Toronto Maple Leafs 4, St Louis Blues 0 (Toronto win 4-2)
VIENNA: World championships: Soviet Union 13, Switzerland 5; Sweden 3, West Germany 0.

MOTOR SPORT

OULTON PARK, Cheshire: Dunlop British touring car championship: Second round: 1, T Harvey (Rover); 2, G Cook (Sierra Cosworth); 3, M Newman (BMW); 4, G Scarborough (Rover); 5, P Hall (Sierra Cosworth); 6, D Carvell (Rover)

REAL TENNIS

HOLYPORT: British women bt Australian women 4-0 (L Ronaldson bt J Hyland 6-1, 6-3, S Jones bt H Mursell 6-5, 6-3, A Warren-Piper bt J Drewitt 6-2, 6-0; P Fellows bt K Toates 6-3, 6-2).

SPEEDWAY

LEAGUE CUP: Kings Lynn 37 (R Knight 10), Cradley Heath 41 (E Gundersen 10, J O Pedersen 10, S Cross 9).
OXFORD: Three-team tournament: Oxford 38 (H Nielsen 11, M Cox 10, N Death 10), Reading 37 (J Andersson 11), Swindon 33 (J Nilsen 12).
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Eastbourne 57 (M Dugard 12, G Kennett 12, A Buck 9, K Pritchard 9), Boston 21 (A Hines 7).

SQUASH RACKETS

LENWOOD INTERNATIONAL INVITATION: First round: P Kenyon (Eng) bt R Eyles (Aus), 9-4, 10-8, 6-9, 9-2; M Bodimeade (Eng) bt M Ahmed (Pak), 3-9, 6-9, 9-5, 9-0, 9-2; C Dittmar (Aus) bt Z Jahan (Pak), 9-2, 9-5, 4-9, 9-2; G Awad (Egypt) bt Q Zaman (Pak), 9-2, 9-7, 2-9, 9-1; K Smith (Aus) bt C Jones (Wales) 6-9, 9-3, 9-1, 9-1; P Whitlock (Eng) bt G Williams (Eng) 7-9, 9-3, 9-4, 9-1; R Hill (Aus) bt J Soderberg (Swe) 9-3, 9-4, 9-3; H Jahan (Eng) bt M Maclean (Scot) 9-7 9-6, 9-3. Quarter-finals: P Kenyon (Eng) bt M Bodimeade (Eng), 9-4, 10-8, 9-1; P Whitlock (Eng) bt K Smith (Aus), 7-9, 9-3, 9-4, 9-1.

TENNIS

NICE: Men's grand prix: Singles: Second round: K Carlsson (Swe) bt P Arraya (Peru) 6-1, 6-1, R Agenor (Haiti) bt H de la Pena (Arg) 6-2, 6-1. Quarter-finals: T Tulasne (Fr) bt A Krickstein (US), 7-5, 7-6 (7-3).
Doubles: Quarter-finals: E Teltscher and J Pugh (US), bt A Maurer (WG) and J Windahl (Swe), 6-2, 6-4, P Cane (It) and J Hlasek (Switz) bt B Dyke (Aus) and L Pimek (Czech), 4-6, 6-4, 7-5; E Sanchez and S Casal (Sp) bt T Tulasne and T Champion (Fr), 7-6 (7-5), 6-2.
Sheffield National Ratings Tournament: Men's quarter-finals: A Broomhead bt C Stringer, 6-3, 6-3; J Howarth bt R Baxter, 7-5, 6-4

WEIGHTLIFTING

AGEO, Japan: Asian championships: 52kg class, snatch: 1, He Zhouqiang (China), 116.5kg (world record).

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Bath v Bristol

Though six of Bath's players are with England in Portugal, they still field a crop of internationals, among them Palmer who leads the side in the absence of Hill. Knight plays scrum-half against Bristol, who prefer Eves and Crane in the back row.

Newport v Moseley

Newport field Roberts for the injured Powell on one flank against Moseley, who recall Payne on the wing and Denhardt at lock. Paul Boyle, younger brother of Steve, plays full back since Metcalfe is with the Barbarians, and Cookson appears at scrum-half.

Swansea v Harlequins

Swansea, Welsh Cup finalists, are at full strength, with Richard Moriarty paired with Colclough in the second row and Dacey at stand-off half. Harlequins introduce Bunn on the wing, Tappin at hooker and Haag at lock while Sheasby returns to the flank.

Headingley v W H'pool

Headingley, Yorkshire Cup semi-finalists against Roundhay next Wednesday, play Higgins on the flank in the absence of Winterbottom, while Machell returns to the pack and Appleson to the backs.

Leicester v Neath

Leicester bring in student Paul Burnell at prop against weakened Neath and Povoas returns at No. 8 after an ankle injury. Burnhill and Buttimore remain on the wings, though both are primarily centres.

Nottingham v Fylde

John Wilby, who captained Loughborough Students this season, makes his debut at No. 8 for Nottingham, and Sykes makes his first appearance on the wing instead of the injured Oti. Fylde are without England locks Dooley and Bainbridge.

Gloucester v N Brighton

Gloucester struggled to beat Lydney on Thursday and remain without Gadd, their injured flanker. But props Preedy and Sargent pass 200 games for the club over the weekend and Pascall, a third prop, passes the 150 mark.

Waterloo v Orrell

Alistair Bowman, aged 19, a Liverpool University student and son of former club captain Dennis, makes his debut at scrum-half for Waterloo in the absence of Carfoot. Orrell captain Langford hopes to return at full back after a hamstring injury.

France are set to host new tournament

There is a strong prospect that France will introduce a representative student tournament next year (David Hands writes).

The England Students, who returned from a two-match visit to France this week, expect the four home countries to receive an invitation shortly to take part in a students' world cup, to be based around Biarritz and Bayonne in August 1988.

Australia and New Zealand have already expressed an interest in the project, which is intended to encompass 12 countries. England Students were delighted to return with two victories.

They benefited from coaching by Pierre Villepreux and Jean-Claude Skrela of Toulouse, as well as the preparation of their own coach, John Robins. Their second-half try in Foix came from Mullins, the Durham University prop, and not (as suggested in these columns yesterday) Vyvyan and was part of a splendid second-half comeback.

ENGLAND STUDENTS: M Appleson (Leeds Polytechnic); M Offiah (Hampstead College of FE), P Reid (Sheffield Polytechnic), K Wyles (Cambridge University), R Vessey (Oxford University); R Kuhn (Kingston Polytechnic, capt), M Hancock (Loughborough University); V Obugu (Birmingham University), J McFarland (Sheffield Polytechnic), A Mullins (Durham University), S Parker (London University), S O'Leary (St Mary's Hospital), T Swan (Liverpool University), S Holmes (East Anglia University), C Vyvyan (RAC Cirencester).

Higgin kicks his way into record books

By Michael Stevenson

Shortly after half-time at Powderhouse Lane, Lancaster Andy Higgin kicked his way into the record books with his twenty-sixth dropped goal of the season. Last week he equalled Les Cusworth's world record and yesterday's try makes him the world record holder. The try, could not however, save his side, **Vale of Lune**, from defeat by Sale, for whom the burly wing Carlile scored a late try to clinch victory.

The Sale pack established considerable command but it was only 12-4 at the interval. A try for Vale by Ralston, followed good handling but two penalties by Jee, and his conversion of a pushover try touched down by Kenrick, accounted for the interval score.

Higgin's dropped goal came just after the interval, but a try by Carlile in the corner pushed Sale further ahead. Two penalties by Higgin made it 13-16 with injury time approaching. A second try by Carlile, made by Fitton, and converted by Jee, underlined Sale's supriority.

It needed another spectacular rescue, this time by the former Irish international O'Brien, to snatch victory away from **Winnington Park**, who seemed all set for success over **Broughton Park**. They were 18-16 up in injury time but the 35-yard penalty by O'Brien did the trick.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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SATURDAY

BBC1 WALES: 5.15-5.20 Sports News 1.15-1.20am News SCOTLAND: 12.05-12.15 The Seven Last Words 5.15-5.20 News and Sport 10.40-11.10 Sportscene 11.10-11.55 Cagney and Lacey 11.55-1.35am Super Night of Rock 'n' Roll 1.35-1.45 The Seven Last Words 1.45-1.50 Weather NORTHERN IRELAND: 4.55-5.05pm Results (Part of Grandstand) 5.15-5.20 News 1.15-1.20am News ENGLAND: 5.15-5.20pm South and East (London) – Sport. South and West (Plymouth) – Spotlight Sport and News. All other English regions – Regional News and Sport

ANGLIA As London except: 5.05pm Grumbleweeds Show 5.35-6.20 Blockbusters Abroad 12.30am Little Gidding. Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 10.30pm Film: Loot 12.10am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am Bionic Woman 10.15 Wild Pony 11.45-12.00 Cartoon 1.25pm Star Fleet 1.55 Incredible Hulk 2.50-4.45 Film: High Wind in Jamaica 10.30 Big Match 11.20 Film: Sweeney 1.05am Jobfinder 2.05 Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 10.00-11.30 Smurfs 12.30am Blancmange 1.30 Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 10.30pm The Last Ninja 12.15am Reflections, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 10.30pm Big Match 11.20 Film: Missing 1.30am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 5.05pm Grumbleweeds Show 5.35-6.20 Blockbusters Abroad 10.30 Film: Travels with My Aunt 12.30am Wide Awake 12.35 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: No Variation.

SCOTTISH As London except: 10.30pm Film: Barbarella 12.20am Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 10.00am Greyfriars Bobby 11.35 Gus Honeybun 11.40-12.00 Getalong Gang 5.05 Newsport 5.10 Gus Honeybun 5.20-5.50 Blockbusters 10.30 Film: Blume in Love 12.35am Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 10.00am-11.30 Smurfs and the Magic Flute 12.30am Blancmange 1.30 Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 11.30am-12.00 Peter and the Magic Egg 12.30am Poetry of the People. Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 4.55pm-5.00 Sports Results 10.30 Big Match 11.20 Circuit of Ireland 11.50 Joan Baez at Notre Dame 12.40am News. Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30am Jobfinder 1.30 Closedown.

S4C Starts: 9.15am Film: Shiree 420° 12.15pm Circuit of Ireland Motor Rally 12.45 Making of Britain 1.15 World of Animation 1.30 Film: Miracle of Morgans Creek* 3.15 Racing 5.00 Language for Ben 6.00 Scotland Yard* 6.30 Challenge to Sport 7.00 March of Time 7.30 Newyddion 7.50 Stumiau 8.20 Elinor AC Erail 9.05 Y Maes Chwarae 10.25 ER 10.55 Ask Dr Ruth 11.25 Film: Unman, Wittering and Zigo 1.15am Closedown.

SUNDAY

BBC1 WALES: 12.50-12.55am News SCOTLAND: 11.35-11.45am The Seven Last Words 1.05-2.05pm EastEnders 2.05-4.00 Film: The Way West (Kirk Douglas) 4.00-4.55 Sportscene Special: Rugby Union (Scotland v Spain) 10.50-11.00 The Seven Last Words NORTHERN IRELAND 12.35-12.58 Farm View 10.25-12.05am The Dream of Gerontius 12.05-12.15 The Gospel According to St Luke 12.15-12.40 Video Active 12.40-12.45 News

BBC 2 WALES: 1.55-2.45pm Rugby Special (highlights from Cardiff v The Barbarians plus Ebbw Vale v Abertillery).

ANGLIA As London except: 9.25am-9.40 Disney at Easter 1.00pm Anything Goes 1.25 Weather 1.30-2.00 Farming Diary 12.55am He is Risen, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 9.25am Border Diary 9.30-9.40 Cartoon 1.00pm-1.30 Short Story Theatre 5.00-6.00 Fall Guy 12.55am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am-9.40 Cartoon 1.00pm Getting On 1.35-2.00 Here and Now 4.30 Disney at Easter 4.35 Supergran 5.05-6.00 TV Censored Bloopers 12.55am Jobfinder 1.55 Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25am-9.40 Starting Point 1.00pm Peter and the Magic Egg 1.30-2.00 Candid Camera 5.00-6.00 Chips 12.55am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am-9.40 Cartoon 1.30pm-2.00 Sixth Sense 5.00-6.00 Scotsport 12.55am Reflections, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am-9.40 Disney at Easter 1.00pm Members Only 1.05pm Aap Kaa Hak 1.10 Invitation to Remember 1.40-2.00 This is Your Right 5.00-6.00 Love Boat 12.55am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 9.25am-9.40 Disney at Easter 1.00pm-1.30 West Country Farming 5.00-6.00 Crazy Like a Fox 12.55am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: No variation.

SCOTTISH As London except: 9.25am-9.40 Disney at Easter 11.00-12.00 Morning Worship for Easter Day 1.00 The Glen Michael Cavalcade 2.00-2.30 Boy from Crown Street 5.00-6.00 Scotsport 12.55am Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 9.25am Look and See 9.30-9.40 Cartoon 1.00pm Wells Cathedral 1.30-2.00 Short Story 4.30 Gardens for All 5.00 Supergran 5.30-6.00 A Head of Time 12.55am Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.25am-9.40 Disney at Easter 1.00pm Peter and the Magic Egg 1.30-2.00 Candid Camera 5.00-6.00 Chips 12.55am Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25am Hello Sunday 9.30-9.40 Cartoon 1.00pm Behind the Beat of the Big Bass Drum 1.45-2.00 Vertical Roll 12.55am Epilogue, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am-9.40 Disney at Easter 1.00pm Getting On 1.30-2.00 Advice With Anne Haties 5.00 Duck Factory 5.30-6.00 Sing Out 9.30-10.00 Circuit of Ireland 12.50am Sports Results, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25am-9.40 Disney at Easter 1.00pm Getting On 1.25-2.00 Farming Diary 12.55am Five Minutes 1.00 Jobfinder 2.00 Closedown.

S4C Starts: 9.00am Haloc 10.00 Shakers 11.00 Worzel Gummidge 11.30 Waltons 12.30pm Triple Crown 2.00 Mr Hearst and Mr Kane 2.30 Circuit of Ireland Motor Rally 3.00 Film: A Day at the Races* 5.00 Horses 6.00 Tennis 7.20 Newyddion 7.30 Cars am Gan 8.00 Pobol y Cwm 8.30 Plu Chwithig 9.05 Dyddiau Dyn 9.35 Snwcer 10.35 O'r Gorgith i'r Pasg 11.05 Yan Tan Tethera 12.30am Closedown.

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

SATURDAY

CHOICE

● Not many writers get the accolade of a three-hour television biography, but Evelyn Waugh was a rich enough subject to justify this generous coverage. The high spot in Nicholas Shakespeare's **The Waugh Trilogy** (BBC2, 7.55pm, continuing tomorrow and Monday) is the extraordinary home movie Waugh and friends made while students at Oxford in the 1920s. Waugh himself plays the Dean of Balliol as a homosexual in a blonde wig trying to seduce the Prince of Wales (later Edward VIII). The film says much about Waugh's sense of humour, which was later to flow through his novels. Shakespeare has collected a distinguished collection of talking heads (Anthony Powell, John Mortimer, Harold Acton), as well as Graham Greene, who is heard but not seen. But instead of the usual pieces to camera, he gets them to read from Waugh's books and letters and play literary critic. What the trilogy emphasises above all is how much of himself Waugh put into his work. His escapades as socialite, journalist and soldier may have been less than glorious at times but they did give him wonderful raw material for his books.

Peter Waymark

Evelyn Waugh on his wedding day: Part one of Nicholas Shakespeare's The Waugh Trilogy (BBC2, 7.55pm)

BBC 1

8.30 **Family-Ness.** (r) **8.35 Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds.** (r)

9.00 **Saturday SuperStore** managed by Mike Read. The guests are Tom Watt, Midge Ure, Su Pollard, and Five Star. **12.05 The Gospel According to St Luke.** Part six.

12.15 **Grandstand** introduced by Harry Gration. The line-up is: (subject to alteration) **12.20, 3.05** and **4.00 Snooker:** the Embassy World Professional Championship; **12.40 Football Focus;**

1.00 **News** and weather; **1.05 Boxing:** a preview of the Honeyghan bout; **1.15 Basketball:** the Carlsberg National Championship; **1.55, 2.25** and **2.55 Racing from Haydock; 2.05** and **2.35 Swimming:** the Girobank International Swim Meet; **3.50** Half-times **4.35** Final score.

5.05 **News** with Debbie Thrower. Weather. **5.15** Sport/Regional news.

5.20 **Every Second Counts.** Comedy quiz show.

5.55 **Children's Royal Variety Performance** in aid of the NSPCC, introduced by Angela Rippon. Among those by whom Princess Margaret is entertained are Russ Abbot, Curiosity Killed the Cat, Aled Jones, and members of the Royal Ballet.

7.55 **One by One.** Part eight of the serial based on David Taylor's Zoo Vet books and Donald Turner discovers a herd of oryx in Scotland. (Ceefax)

8.45 **Bob Says Opportunity Knocks.** Talent contest, introduced by Bob Monkhouse, in which the viewers pick the winner.

9.35 **News** and sport. With Debbie Thrower.

9.50 **Live World Championship Boxing** from the Royal Albert Hall. Lloyd Honeyghan defends his WBC and IBF world welterweight titles against Maurice Blocker.

10.40 **Cagney and Lacey.** The two women police officers go undercover when armed robbers start to raid Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. (Ceefax)

11.25 **Super Night of Rock 'n' Roll.** Among those on the bill are Bill Haley, Elvis Presley, The Byrds, The Rolling Stones, and Aretha Franklin.

1.05 **The Gospel According to St Luke.** Shown earlier at 12.05pm.

1.15 **Weather.**

N.B: programme times after the boxing are approximate.

BBC 2

9.00 **Ceefax.**

10.25 **World Snooker.** First round action in the Embassy World Professional Championship. The defending champion, Joe Johnson, meets Eugene Hughes; and the number two seed, Steve Davis, plays Warren King.

12.15 **Film: The Great American Broadcast*** (1941) starring Alice Faye, Jack Oakie, and John Payne. A musical story of three hopefuls struggling to make a name for themselves as radio performers. Directed by Archie Mayo.

1.45 **Chess Classic.** Britain's Nigel Short plays Gary Kasparov of Russia.

2.15 **Film: The Nun's Story** (1959) starring Audrey Hepburn. A young, intelligent Belgian girl finds it difficult to observe the novice nun's vow of obedience. Directed by Fred Zinneman.

4.40 **World Snooker.** Rex Williams, seeded 16, plays Murdo Macleod; and Ray Reardon, the number 15 seed, meets Barry West.

5.30 **As I Remember.** Lady Asquith, in conversation with Kenneth Harris, recalls Gladstone, Lloyd George, and Winston Churchill. Recorded in 1967, two years before her death. (r)

6.20 **When in Spain.** The first of five programmes in which Andrew Sachs tackles the Spanish language, beginning in Tossa de Mar.

6.45 **NewsView** with Debbie Thrower and Moira Stuart. Weather.

7.25 **World Snooker**

7.55 **The Waugh Trilogy.** A three-part Arena Special, written and narrated by Nicholas Shakespeare, exploring Evelyn Waugh the man, and his work. (see Choice)

8.55 **World Snooker** introduced by David Vine.

9.35 **Have His Carcase.** Episode one of a four-part dramatization of Dorothy L Sayers' mystery. (r) (Ceefax)

10.25 **Faure Requiem** introduced by Barry Rose. This first television performance of the work in the edition by John Rutter is performed by the Choir of King's College, Cambridge, and the English Chamber Orchestra, leader Jose-Luis Garcia.

11.25 **World Snooker.** The final visit of the day to the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield. Ends at **1.00.**

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6.55 **TV-am** introduced by Gary Champion. Weather at **6.58; news at 7.00.** Among the guests on the Wide Awake Club at **7.30** are Richard Briers and Curiosity Killed the Cat.

9.25 **Film: Winnie the Pooh and Tigger Too** (1974) Walt Disney's version of the A.A.Milne children's story. Followed by **Donald Duck.** Cartoon.

10.00 **Film: The Wild Pony** (1983) starring Marilyn Lightstone. The story of a 12-year old boy's obsession with an untamed pony that roams a nearby valley. Directed by Kevin Sullivan **11.30 Terrahawks.** (r)

12.00 **News.**

12.05 **Saint and Greavsie. 12.35 Wrestling** from Stockport Town Hall.

1.25 **Film: The Fall of the Roman Empire** (1963) starring Sophia Loren and Stephen Boyd. Set in the second century, this epic focuses on the last days of the dying Emperor Marcus Aurelius. With Alec Guinness. Directed by Anthony Mann.

4.45 **Results Service.**

5.00 **News.**

5.05 **Blockbusters Abroad.** The holidays of the gold run winners.

5.50 **The Grumbleweeds Show.** The first of a new comedy series.

6.20 **Film: It Shouldn't Happen to a Vet** (1976) starring John Alderton, Colin Blakely, and Lisa Harrow. James Herriot is thinking of leaving the country practice for a more lucrative life in the city. Directed by Eric Till.

8.00 **The Price is Right.** Game show.

9.00 **News** and sport.

9.15 **Tales of the Unexpected: Stranger in Town,** starring Derek Jacobi. An eccentric stranger bewitches young and old alike. (r) (Oracle)

9.45 **Parkinson One-to-One.** Michael Parkinson's guest is Elton John. Followed by **LWT News** headlines.

10.30 **Film: Buona Sera, Mrs Campbell** (1968) starring Gina Lollobrigida, Phil Silvers, and Telly Savalas. Comedy about an Italian mother who lives a life of luxury on the proceeds of money sent by three American servicemen who each thinks he is the father of her child. Directed by Melvin Frank.

12.30 **David Cassidy Live at the Royal Albert Hall.** The final concert of the singer's come-back tour. Ends at **1.25.**

CHANNEL 4

9.25 **Pets in Particular.** Miniature horses, ducks, and fleas. (r) **9.50 4 What It's Worth.** Last Tuesday's consumer affairs programme **10.20 The Living Body.** Part 13 - the brain. (r) **10.45 The World – A Television History.** China and Japan 1279-1600. (r) **11.15 Mountbatten.** Part seven. (r)

12.15 **Circuit of Ireland Motor Rally.** The start, from Belfast city centre. The competitors take part in six special stages throughout Northern Ireland before returning to Belfast in the evening. **12.45 World of animation.**

1.00 **Film: With a Song in My Heart** (1951) starring Susan Hayward and Rory Calhoun. A musical biography of the American singer, Jane Froman. Directed by Walter Lang.

3.15 **Channel 4 Racing from Kempton Park.** Brough Scott introduces coverage of the Queen's Prize (3.35); the BonusPrint Masaka Stakes (4.10); and the BonusPrint Easter Stakes (4.40)

5.05 **Brookside.** A compilation of the week's episodes. (Oracle)

6.00 **Plants for Free.** Part three of the guide to propagation focuses on leaf cuttings. (Oracle)

6.30 **Challenge to Sport.** Film of archery, croquet, and water polo.

7.00 **News** summary and weather followed by **The Gods of War.** Worshippers of the same God but enemies on the battlefield.

7.30 **Horses.** The sixth and final programme of the series on the history of the horse. Presented by Lucinda Green and Ian Ogilvy. (Oracle)

8.30 **The Wine Programme.** Jancis Robinson tastes the white wines of Germany.

9.00 **Lost Belongings.** A repeat of episode two of the drama serial set in Belfast first shown on Tuesday on ITV.

10.00 **Film: Breaking Glass** (1980) starring Phil Daniels and Hazel O'Connor. Drama about the manipulation of a young girl pop singer. Directed by Brian Gibson.

12.00 **Alter Image.** Highlights from the visual arts magazine series.

1.00 **The Twilight Zone: The Gift*** A man from space delivers an important gift to mankind. Ends at **1.25.**

Radio 1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour until **12.30pm** then, **2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30 9.30, 12.00** midnight
6.00am Mark Page **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** The Stereo sequence. Including **2.00-3.00** My Top Ten.(Anita Baker) **4.00-5.00** The New American Chart Show **6.30-7.30** In Concert. (The Smiths) **7.30** Simon Mayo **9.30-12.00** Dixie Peach.
VHF *Stereo Radios 1 and 2:* **4.00am** As Radio 2 **1.00pm** As Radio 1 **7.30** As Radio 2 **10.00** News; Sport; Martin Kelner **12.05-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour until **1.00pm,** then **3.00, 6.00, 7.00** and hourly from **10.00.** Sports Desks **7.05am, 8.05, 9.02, 11.02, 12.02pm, 10.02**
4.00am Dave Bussey **6.00** Steve Truelove **8.05** David Jacobs **10.00** Sounds of the 60s (George Martin) **11.00** Album Time (Peter Clayton) **1.00pm** The News Huddlines **1.30** Sport on 2. Includes Racing from Kempton park and Boxing (Preview of tonight's Welterweight Championship) **6.00** Pop Score **6.30** They did it their way. (Jake Thackray) **7.00** The Press Gang **7.30** Those Radio Times (Richard Stilgoe and Peter Skellern) **9.30** String Sound (BBC Radio Orchestra) **9.45** Big Fight Special (Lloyd Honeyghan v Maurice Blocker) **11.00** Martin Kelner (joining VHF) **12.05am** Night Owls **1.00** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Meridian 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 From the Weeklies 7.45 Network UK 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 A Jolly Good Show 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 World Today 9.30 Through My Window followed by: Look Ahead 9.45 Society Today 10.00 News 10.01 Here's Humph! 10.15 Letter From America (until 10.30) 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Performing Early Music 11.30 Meridian 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Multitrack 3 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.05 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Saturday Special 2.00 News 2.01 Saturday Special 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Saturday Special 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary (until 4.15) 7.00 News 7.01 Play of the Week: Interpreters 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours 8.30 Jazz for the Asking 9.00 News 9.01 At Home With... 9.15 Kings of Swing 9.30 People and Politics 10.00 News 10.09 From Our Own Correspondent 10.30 New Ideas 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Nature Notebook 11.30 Easter Vigil 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Father to Genius 1.00 News 1.01 Play of the Week: Interpreters 2.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Hotel du Lac 2.30 Album Time 3.00 News 3.09 News about Britain 3.15 From Our Own Correspondent (until 3.30) 4.45 Reflections 4.50 Financial Review 5.00 News 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary (until 5.30). All times in GMT

Regional TV: on facing page

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. **7.00** News

7.05 Aubade: Berlioz (Les Troyens ballet music: Covent Garden Orchestra), Byrd (Earl of Salisbury Galliard, etc: Moroney, harpsichord), Hindemith (Kleine Kammermusik, Op 24 No 2: Bergen Wind), Sibelius (Homoresques, Op 87 and 89: Holmes,violin,and Berlin RSO conducted by Vernon Handley). **8.00** World Service News

8.05 Concert (contd): Canteloube (Triptyque: Frederika von Stade), Bartok (Nine pieces, for children: Kocsis, piano), Schumann (Konzert stuck, Op 86: Berlin PO with solo instrumentalists). **9.00** News

9.05 Record Review: includes Robert Philip's guide to recordings of Mozart's Piano Concerto No 17

10.15 Stereo Release: Philharmonia (under the baton of the composer) play Hindemith's Symphony in B flat for concert band; and the suite Nobilissima visione

11.00 Janacek and Rozsa: Gabrieli String Quartet. Janacek (Quartet No 1), Rosza (Quartet No 2)

11.45 Robert Mayer Concert: London Mozart Players, London Choral Society, soloists Rosemary Hardy and Martyn Hill. Mendelssohn (Calm sea and prosperous voyage overture), Mozart (excerpts Act 2 of Idomeneo), Knussen (Songs and Sea interlude, Where the Wild Things Are), Haydn (The storm). **1.00** News

1.05 Fathers and Sons: Oscar and Eric Shumsky (violin, viola). Kalliwoda (Duo in G, Op 208 No 2), Benda (Trio No 6 in E flat), Kalliwoda (Duo in C, Op 208 No 1)

1.55 Piano recital: Earl Wild plays Ravel's Alborada del gracioso, Chopin's Andante spianata and grande polonaise Op 22, and five Liszt studies including the Transcendental No 10 in F minor

2.55 Nielsen and Haydn: BBC Welsh SO (under Ole Schmidt). Haydn (Symphony No 22), Nielsen (Symphony No 2)

3.55 Wolf: Morike Lieder. Olaf Bar, with Geoffrey Parsons as accompanist. The works include Gebet; Neue Liebe; Auf ein altes Bild; Storchenbotschaft; An die Geliebte; Zum neuen Jahr.

5.00 Jazz Record Requests: presented by Peter Clayton

5.45 Critics' Forum: In the chair – Nigel Andrews. Panel: John Carey, John Elsom and Margaret Walters. Topics include the new film Blue Velvet, Antony and Cleopatra at the National Theatre, and the Radio 3 production of The Bridge at Orbigo by David Pownall.

6.35 Alexandre Guilman organ sonatas: Christopher Herrick plays the Sonata No 8 in A, and the March in D, Op 39 No 3

7.15 Alcina: Handel's three-act opera. Sung in Italian. City of London Baroque Sinfonia (under Richard Hickox), with Opera Stage Chorus, and soloists Arleen Auger (title role), Kathleen Kuhlmann, John Tomlinson, Eiddwen Harrhy, Patrizia Kwella, Della Jones and Maldwyn Davies. Act one. Act two is at 8.30, and act three at 10.00, with interval readings separating the acts.

11.00 Arditti String Quartet: Xenakis (Tetras), Elliott Carter (Quartet No 3), Beethoven (Grosse Fuge, Op 133)

11.57 News. **12.00** Closedown

Radio 4

LF (long wave). (s) stereo on VHF

5.55 Shipping **6.00** News **6.10** Farming **6.50** Prayer **6.55** Weather; Travel

7.00 Today, incl **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25** Sport **7.30,8.30** News **7.40, 8.47** Today's Papers **7.45** In Perspective **7.55, 8.58** Weather; Travel **8.25** The Weeklies

9.00 News

9.05 Sport on 4

9.30 Breakaway. Travel and leisure

10.00 News; Loose Ends, with Ned Sherrin and guests

11.00 Talking Politics. Robert Carvel, London Evening Standard, discusses opinion polls

11.25 From our own Correspondent. Life and politics abroad, reported by BBC correspondents

11.55 The Weekend on 4

12.00 News; Money Box. Louise Botting with advice on personal finance

12.27 Just a Minute! Can Peter Jones, Tim Rice, Derek Nimmo and Kenneth Williams keep talking for a whole minute? **2.55** Weather

1.00 News

1.10 Any Questions? Joining John Timpson in Worcester are Sir Edward du Cann MP, Sheila McKechnie (Director, Shelter), Sue Slipman (Director, National Council for One-Parent Families) and The Very Rev Colin Semper (Provost of Coventry) **1.55** Shipping forecast

2.00 News; Alistair Cooke's American Collection. Favourite records

2.30 The Afternoon Play. Incident at the Devil's Gate by Bruce Stewart. Starring Alec McCowen as Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador. assassinated while celebrating Mass in 1980. Also starring Ronald Lacey (r)

4.00 News; International Assignment. BBC correspondents report from around the world

4.30 Science Now. Georgina Ferry reports

5.00 The Living World. Secret Forests and Crocodile Caves. Account of a British-led expedition to the uncharted canyons, caverns and forests of the Ankarana Massif in northern Madagascar

5.25 J Kingston Platt with a reminiscence from his lifetime in show business **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather; Travel

6.00 News; Sports round-up

6.25 Stop the week with Robert Robinson. Includes a song from Fascinating Aida. (s)

7.00 Saturday Night Theatre. The Seagull by Anton Chekhov.With Anna Massey and Alan Rickman heading the cast.

8.30 Baker's Dozen. Richard Baker with records (s)

9.30 Thriller! The Possessors by John Christopher. The reader is Hywel Bennett (S)

9.50 Ten to Ten. A reflection with Frank Topping (s) **9.58** Weather **10.00** News

10.15 The Saturday Feature Resurgam...I will rise Again. The story of a tiny steam-driven submarine and of its Victorian inventor The Rev George Garrett, played by Alan Rothwell

10.45 The Best Day of Your Life? Marjorie Lofthouse talks to Elaine Page about the first night of Evita.

11.00 Easter Vigil from St Anne's basilica, Jerusalem

12.05 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **5.55-6.00am** Weather; Travel 1.55-2.00pm Programme News **4.00-6.00** Options **4.00** Parents' Action Guide **4.30** Essays on Popular Music **5.00** Deutsch express! **5.30** Oaks and Acorns

SUNDAY

Anything for a laugh: Simon Fox in William Trevor's The Children of Dynmouth (BBC2, 10.15pm)

CHOICE

● Sir Sidney Nolan, who looks more like a retired bank manager than the popular conception of a painter, is the subject of **Sidney Nolan: Such Is Life** (Channel 4, 5.00pm). An Australian, he has spent half his 70 years in England and yet has rarely painted English subjects. As he moves into his eighth decade, that might be a fresh field to conquer. The programme is not so much a biography as a slice of Nolan's peripatetic and satisfyingly varied life. His haven is a 17th century house on the Welsh border where he works to the strains of Beethoven and puts on chamber concerts. The cameras follow him on travels to Ireland, Hong Kong and Australia. It was the Irish-Australian bush-ranger, Ned Kelly, who inspired Nolan's first important paintings. Forty years on, he is still, in his self-effacing way, the bold experimenter.

● **The Children of Dynmouth** (BBC2, 10.15pm) is a deft adaptation by William Trevor of his funny-horrific novel about an adolescent monster at large in a seaside town. Simon Fox plays the unloved Timothy Gedge, who sets out off on a chilling round of blackmail in a bid to win the local talent contest.

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BBC1

8.55 **Play School 9.15 Asian Magazine.**

9.45 **Sunday Worship** from St Alban's Cathedral **11.00 Urbi et Orbi.** The Pope's Easter Blessing **11.35 The Gospel According to St Luke.** Part seven.

11.45 **Politics of Pressure.** How lobby groups are set up. (r) **12.10 Sign Extra.** The programme Flower of the Month, adapted for the hearing impaired **12.35 Farming.** Three very different ways in which artists have interpreted farming. **12.58 Weather.**

1.00 **News** headlines **1.05 Bonanza.** (r) **1.50 Tom and Jerry.** Cartoon **2.00 EastEnders.** (r) (Ceefax)

3.00 **Film: The Way West** (1967) starring Kirk Douglas, Robert Mitchum, and Lola Albright. The story of an 1843 wagon train travelling from Missouri along the Oregon trail. Directed by Andrew V McLaglen.

4.45 **The Duke's Award.** The first of two programmes in which Prince Edward investigates the worth of his father's Award Scheme. (Ceefax)

5.40 **The Animals Roadshow** presented by Desmond Morris and Sarah Kennedy. (Ceefax)

6.15 **You in Mind.** Calm through meditation.

6.25 **News** with Debbie Thrower. Weather.

6.40 **Songs of Praise** from Salisbury Cathedral. (Ceefax)

7.15 **The Russ Abbot Show.** (r) (Ceefax)

7.45 **Film: The Mirror Crack'd** (1980) staring Elizabeth Taylor, Rock Hudson, Tony Curtis, and Angela Lansbury. Miss Marple, Agatha Christie's heroine, is intrigued when her village is invaded by a Hollywood film crew. Directed by Guy Hamilton. (Ceefax)

9.30 **Mastermind.** The specialist subjects are: Gill; Peter the Great; world heavyweight boxing; and Russian music 1860-1960.

10.00 **News** and weather.

10.15 **Heart of the Matter.** Helena Kennedy talks to the Bishop of Durham and John Selwyn Gummer about the relevance of Easter to the 'have nots'

10.50 **The Gospel According to St Luke.** Last part. (r)

11.00 **Video Active.** Making home videos.

11.25 **World Snooker.** Highlights of today's action in the Embassy World Championship.

12.50 **Weather.**

BBC 2

10.25 **World Snooker.** Action from the first round of the Embassy World Championship featuring Ray Reardon against Barry West; and Kirk Stevens playing Steve Longworth.

1.55 **Rugby Special.** Highlights of the game between Cardiff and The Barbarians.

2.45 **Sunday Grandstand** introduced by Harry Gration. The line-up is: (subject to alteration) **2.50 Boxing:** highlights of the bout between Lloyd Honeyghan and Maurice Blocker; **3.10** and **4.30 Motocross:** round three of the Sealink British Ferries Championship; **3.30** and **5.00 Squash:** the Hi-Tec British Open; **4.00 Basketball:** Manchester United v Kingston, the second semifinal of the Carlsberg National Championship; **5.30 Snooker:** the Embassy World Championship; **7.10** Sporting headlines.

7.15 **On the House.** Home security, repairing a ballcock, and unusual interior decoration, are among the items.

7.45 **Opera Workshop.** The central scene of act two of Janacek's Jenufa is explained by English National Opera's David Pountney and Mark Elder.

8.45 **The Waugh Trilogy.** The second of the three-part Arena Special on the life and work of Evelyn Waugh.

9.45 **Did You See. . ?** Through the Keyhole, Horses, and The Paradox of the Papacy, are discussed by Emma Freud, Jonathan Dimbleby, and Rowanne Pasco. Presented by Ludovic Kennedy.

10.15 **Screen Two: The Children of Dynmouth** (1986) William Trevor's adaptation of his Whitbread prize-winning novel about a young teenaged boy whose ambition to be a comedian causes concern to the locals of a seaside town during the Easter holidays. Starring Simon Fox, and directed by Peter Hammond. (see Choice)

11.45 **Film: Strangers on a Train*** (1951) starring Farley Granger, Robert Walker, and Ruth Roman. A thriller about two strangers who meet on a train journey from Washington to New York and concoct a plan to murder each other's intended victim. Directed by Alfred Hitchcock. (Ceefax) Ends at **1.30.**

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6.55 **TV-am** begins with Sunday Comment; **7.00** Are You Awake Yet?; **7.25** Wac Extra, for the young viewer.

8.30 **David Frost on Sunday.**

9.25 **Wake Up London 9.40 A Chucklewood Easter.** Cartoon story **10.10 The Adventures of Black Beauty.** (r)

11.00 **A Celebration of Easter.** A service from Dorset Gardens Methodist Church, Brighton.

12.00 **Behold the Man.** A musical for Easter by Trisha Ward, performed by young people from the Impact Community Theatre of Middlesbrough. **1.00 The Smurfs.**

1.30 **Getting On.** The problems of elderly people living in residential homes are discussed by Chris Cloke of Age Concern, and Roz Rawlins from Counsel and Care for the Elderly **2.00 Revelations.** The first of a new series about moments that change people's lives. Today, Billy McCurrie, a convicted murderer now studying for the priesthood.

2.30 **LWT News** headlines followed by **The Canterville Ghost** starring John Gielgud and Ted Wass. An adaptation of Oscar Wilde's story about a family who have to claim their inheritance by living for three months in a haunted castle. (Oracle)

4.30 **Supergran.** Fantasy series for children starring Gudrun Ure as a sort of bionic granny. (Oracle)

5.00 **Hart to Hart.** The Harts, on holiday in England, investigate a murder that occured during a fox hunt. (r)

6.00 **News** with Fiona Armstrong.

6.10 **Highway for Easter.** Sir Harry takes the Saints Way, from Padstow to Fowey, in Cornwall.

7.15 **Catchphrase.** Puzzle game using the latest technology. (Oracle)

7.45 **Live from the Palladium.** Topping the bill is Dionne Warwick.

8.45 **News.**

9.00 **Clive James on Television.** Japanese game shows again feature prominently.

10.00 **LWT News** headlines followed by **A South Bank Show Special.** Part two: Aida Performance from La Scala, Milan, starring Luciano Pavarotti, Maria Chira, Ghena Dimitrova, and Nicolai Ghiaurov. Ends at **12.55.**

CHANNEL 4

9.25 **Sunday East** includes a discussion on the dearth of Indian chefs. Followed by **Deewarain.**

10.00 **The Shakers.** The story of the religious group that arrived in America from Manchester in 1774. **11.00 Worzel Gummidge.** (r) **11.30 The Waltons.**

12.30 **The Paradox of the Papacy.** Part one of a documentary series written and presented by Morris West examining the phenomenon of the Roman Catholic Church worldwide, beginning in Brazil.

2.00 **Rebecca, The Little Chimney Sweep,** and **Hand in Hand,** programmes for the young hearing impaired. (Oracle)

2.30 **Circuit of Ireland Motor Rally.** Day two.

3.00 **Film: Easter Parade** (1948) starring Judy Garland and Fred Astaire. When his dancing partner deserts him, Don Hewes chooses an unknown and inexperienced young singer as her replacement. Directed by Charles Walters.

4.55 **Woody Woodpecker.**

5.00 **News** summary and weather followed by **Sidney Nolan: Such is Life.** A biographical retrospective on the life of Sir Sidney Nolan, O.M., the Australian artist who is 70 years old this year.

6.00 **Tennis.** Highlights of the Mortgage Corporation Final.

7.15 **The World at War.** Part 20 documents Himmler's efforts to 'cleanse' Europe of the Jewish populations, a harrowing and moving programme shown without any commercial breaks. Narrated by Laurence Olivier. (r) (Oracle)

8.15 **Yan Tan Tethera.** The television premiere of Harrison Birtwistle's one-act opera. Simultaneous broadcast with stereo Radio 3. See Radio 3 for details.

9.40 **The Dress,** starring Michael Palin and Phyllis Logan. When Howard Gillmor buys a dress for his mistresses he is spotted by his wife who assumes it is for her. Directed by Eva Sereny.

10.10 **Film: A Man For All Seasons** (1966) starring Paul Scofield, in his Oscar-winning role of Thomas More, Robert Shaw, and Orson Welles. Superb drama about the battle of wills between Thomas More and Henry VIII. Directed by Fred Zinnemann. Ends at**12.25**

Radio 1

MF medium wave. Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour until **11.30am,** then at **2.30pm, 3.30, 4.30, 9.30** and **12.00** midnight.
6.00am Mark Page **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Mike Read **12.30pm** Jimmy Savile (hits from 1983, 1977 and 1971) **2.30** Sunday Live **3.30** Pop of the Form **4.00** Chartbusters **5.00** Top 40 **7.00** Simon Mayo's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land **8.30** Robbie Vincent **11.00-12.00** The Ranking Miss P. **VHF** Stereo Radio 1 and 2:- **4.00am** As Radio 2 **5.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (See Radio 1)
News on the hour (except **8.00pm**). Headlines **7.30am.** Sports Desks **7.02am, 8.05, 9.05, 12.02pm, 6.02, 10.02**
4.00am Dave Bussey **6.00** Steve Truelove **7.30** Roger Royle says Good Morning Sunday from the cruiser Orpheus in the Mediterranean **9.05** Melodies for You **10.00** Easter Praise (from Coventry Cathedral) **11.00** Desmond Carrington **2.00** Benny Green **3.00** Alan Dell **4.00** Paul Hudson sings **4.30** Sing Something Simple **5.00** Sunday Soapbox **7.00** The Impressionists **7.30** Ian Wallace **8.30** Sunday Half-Hour from Jerusalem **9.00** Your Hundred Best Tunes **10.05** Songs from the Shows **10.45** Michael Garrick at the piano **11.00** Sounds of Jazz **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Jazz for the Asking 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 From Our Own Correspondent 7.50 Waveguide 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 The Pleasure's Yours 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 Science in Action 9.45 At Home With... 10.00 News 10.01 Short Story 10.15 Classical Record Review (until 10.30) 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 From Our Own Correspondent 11.30 Father to Genius 12.00 News 12.01 Play of the Week: Interpreters 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 Sports Roundup 1.45 Tony Myatt Request Show including at 2.00 News 2.30 Detective 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Concert Hall 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary (until 4.15) 7.00 News 7.01 Classical Record Review 7.15 The Library of Congress 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours 8.30 Sunday Half Hour 9.00 News 9.01 Story 9.15 The Pleasure's Yours 1.00 News 10.09 Hotel du Lac 10.25 Book Choice 10.30 Financial Review 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Letter from America 11.30 Questions of Faith 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Festival Worship for Easter Day 1.00 News 1.01 Library of Congress 1.45 Loved by the Gods 2.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Peebles' Choice 2.30 Science in Action 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 Good Books (until 3.30) 4.45 Reflections 4.50 Waveguide 5.00 News 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours (until 5.30). All times in GMT

Radio 3

6.55 Weather **7.00** News

7.05 Schubert church music: Mass in C major, D 452, interspersed with Graduale, D 184; Offertorium; Salve Regina; Tantum ergo, D 739; Hymn to Holy Spirit, D 964 (Bavarian RSO, Bavarian Radio Chorus, Capella Bavariae and soloists including Lucia Popp, Helen Donath and Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau. Conductor: Sawallisch). **8.00** News

8.10 Rostropovich as cellsist and pianist: Boccherini (Cello Concerto in D), Tchaikovsky (None but the lonely heart, and Not a word O my Friend: with Galina Vishnevskaya, soprano), Britten (Cello Sonata in C: Britten at piano). **9.00** News

9.05 A Visit to the Sepulchre: New London Consort under Philip Pickett perform a liturgical drama from the 12th century Fleury Playbook

9.40 Your Concert Choice: Beethoven (Sonata in G major, Op 30 No 3 (Perlman, violin, and Ashkenazy, piano), Haydn (Symphony No 86: ECO)

10.30 A Part Yet Separated. Inquiry into contemporary music in Northern Ireland. Presented by Michael Oliver

11.15 Vladimir Mikulka: guitar recital. With BBC Singers. Includes works by Debussy, Falla (Homenaje a Debussy), Leo Brouwer, Ginastera, Villa-Lobos, Tansman and Copland (Lark: Las Agachados)

12.10 Britten/Shostakovich Festival. City of London Sonfinia (under Richard Hickox), Howard Shelley (piano), Crispian Steele-Perkins (trumpet), Steven Isserlis (cello). Britten (Variations on theme of Bridge), Shostakovich (Concerto for piano, trumpet,strings), Britten (Cello Symphony, Op 68)

1.50 Baroque Recital: Hazelzet (flute), Huggett (violin), Cunningham (viola da gamba), Meyerson (harpsichord). Telemann (Paris Quartet No 6), Duphly (Les graces, and La vanlo), Guignon (Violin Sonata No 4)

2.35 Barry Douglas: piano recital. Beethoven (Sonata in A Op 101), Liszt (Apres une lecture du Dante), Mussorgsky (Pictures from an exhibition)

4.05 Dvorak: Melos Quartet of Stuggart play the Quartet in A flat, Op 105

4.40 Bach: Easter Oratorio. City of London Sinfonia (under Hickox),with soloists Jennifer Smith, Charles Brett, Martyn Hill and Stephen Varcoe

5.30 The Price of Perfection: documentary about the conductor Herbert von Karajan. With David Wheeler. Contributors include Karajan himself, Elisabeth Schwarzkopf and Hugh Bean

6.30 Karajan conducts: Vienna Philharmonic play Brucker's Symphony No 8

8.10 Yan Tan Tethera: Harrison Birtwistle's one-act mechanical pastoral. Also on Channel 4. Opera Factory/London Sinfonietta,and soloists Omar Ebrahim, Helen Charnock, James Budgen, Dominic Martelli, Richard Suart, Philip Doghan, Joanne and Stuart Hunt, Tom McDonnell.

9.40 Tatyana Nikolaeva: piano recital. Bach's Goldberg Variations

11.00 Cabaret Hat Trick: Paris,Berlin, New York: Jill Gomez (soprano),with David Harper (piano). Includes Satie's La diva de l'Empire, Weill's Les filles de Bordeaux, and Schoenberg's Brettl-lieder and Galathea

11.57 News **12.00** Closedown

Radio 4

LF (long wave). (s) stereo on VHF

5.55 Shipping **6.00** News **6.10** Prelude (s)

6.30 News; Jesus Christ is Risen Today (s) Prunella Scales and Timothy West tell the story of Easter Day **6.55** Weather; Travel

7.00 News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** On Your Farm **7.40** Sunday. Incl **7.55** Weather; Travel

8.00 News **8.10** Sunday Papers

8.50 The Week's Good Cause (Sir Harry Secombe appeals on behalf of leukaemia sufferers) **8.55** Weather; Travel

9.00 News

9.10 Sunday Papers

9.15 Letter from America

9.30 Easter Eucharist from Cathedral Church of St Mary the Virgin, St Peter and St Cedd, Chelmsford, Essex

10.25 The Archers

11.25 Pick of the Week. Presented by Margaret Howard (s)

12.15 Desert Island Discs. Michael Bogdanov in conversation with Michael Parkinson (s) **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World This Weekend. News **1.55** Shipping

2.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time

2.30 The Lord of the Rings. With Ian Holm, Michael Hordern and Robert Stephens heading the cast (r) (7) (s)

3.30 The Radio Programme goes to America. With Laurie Taylor

4.00 News; The Food Programme

4.30 Alan Plater introduces Sid Chaplin's story. And the Third Day

5.00 News; Travel **5.05** Down Your Way. Brian Johnstone visits Durham **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather; Travel

6.00 News

6.15 Australia Bound. Extracts from the diary of Richard Watt's journey to Brisbane in 1864. Introduced by Joan Leach. Watt is played by Pearce Quigley

6.30 Ray Gosling Gets a Taste Of Urdu

7.00 The Robe by Lloyd C Douglas (2). With Anton Lesser as Marcellus Gallio (s)

8.00 Bookshelf. Susan Hill reconsiders John Buchan (r)

8.30 At the Gates of the City. The career of Augustine, by Murray Watts. With Roy Marsden as Augustine. (s)

9.30 Forest Frontier (3) Power and Responsibility. Anthony Smith visits some technological projects in the Amazon Basin **9.55** Weather; Travel

10.00 News **10.15** The Sunday Feature. Stendhal at War. A conversation piece based on the letters and journals of the novelist

11.00 Seeds of Faith (s)

11.15 What Price Wildlife? Animal survival in the face of competition from tourism and cropping

12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **4.00-6.00** Options: **4.00** Don Quixote **4.30** Education Matters **5.00** Nobel African **5.30** When in Spain.

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Stokoe's arrival brings support

The departure of Lawrie McMenemy from the managership of Sunderland has sparked response from supporters who have also demonstrated their approval of Bob Stokoe's appointment for the final seven matches of the season.

Supporters were queueing for tickets to see the home game against Leeds United on Monday night when the attendance could be up to three times larger than the 8,544, who saw the McMenemy's last match at Roker Park.

Stokoe also told how supporters had sent him letters and cards and stopped him in the street to wish him good luck in his attempt to remove the threat of relegation to the third division.

"Everyone seems to have a spring back in their step," said Stokoe who was also impressed by the attitude of the players he inherited from McMenemy. He said: "We had a good training session. There was perkiness, enthusiasm, sharpness and ability. There is no doubt that Sunderland supporters will accuse McMenemy if stokoe fails to inspire a revival at Roker Park in the next three weeks, but the new caretaker manager is ready to take his share of the blame.

"I don't care about the fact that I'm inheriting his players," said Stokoe. "I will accept the responsibility if we don't get enough points from our next seven games. Perhaps the worst thing that can happen to me is that I will go back to playing golf five or six times a week, but I would still feel very bad if Sunderland went down. Nobody has a divine right to stay out of the third division, but this is a famous club."

Seven of the players bought by McMenemy are in Stokoe's side for today's relegation match at Bradford City. Stokoe, unwilling to make sweeping changes, said: They have got themselves into trouble and I want to give them the chance to get out of it. "There are quality, experienced players here and they know what it is all about. If players like this can't get us out of danger, then we are in trouble.

"I can try to create a better atmosphere, but the rest has to come from the players. They know the next seven games are like a cup run where one defeat would be a disaster."

Stokoe added the former Liverpool and Arsenal player, Ray Kennedy, to his coaching staff yesterday. Kennedy had been helping out at the club voluntarily but now has a full-time job looking after the reserves and juniors until the end of the season.

Today League

Second division

Blackburn (1) 3 **Derby** (0) 1
Garner 2, Blades og   Hindmarch 13,019

Third division

Wigan (0) 1 **Bury** (0) 0
Hilditch   3,892

Old boys are unlikely to check Everton

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

The pair of North London clubs may be heralding the dawn of their own golden age but the first division championship still resembles a silver crown that decorates the borders of Stanley Park. It would be appropriate, therefore, if the official investiture was staged on the edge of that Liverpool park.

It could happen at Anfield next Saturday. Nor is it indulging in the improbable to suggest that it might. Such is the startling contrast between the current form of the Merseyside clubs that Everton could, within 72 hours, be in a position to claim the title when they visit their neighbours.

If anyone was looking for a sign of a potential weakness in their challenge, it was nowhere to be seen yesterday. Indeed, it was strengthened. For once, Howard Kendall had a surplus of choices. He is expected to recall van den Hauwe and Snodin at Aston Villa and to keep Sharp, though he is fit, in reserve.

Everton will run into a couple of their discarded old boys. Gray, who has not scored since last April, and Aspinall are to lead the attack in a side that has won only one of 14 games this year. No wonder Gray feels that "we haven't played the type of football that suggests anything other than relegation".

Three points clear and with a game in hand, Everton have not dropped a point in their last five matches. Liverpool have not gained any in their last four. Yet Brian Clough would rather go anywhere than to Anfield this afternoon.

LEAGUE DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	35	21	7	7	66	27	70
Liverpool	36	20	7	9	62	36	67
Tottenham	34	18	7	9	57	34	61
Luton Town	36	16	11	9	41	37	59
Arsenal	36	16	10	10	45	26	58
Nottingham For	36	16	10	10	58	43	58
Norwich City	36	14	15	7	47	47	57
Wimbledon	35	15	8	12	46	41	53
Watford	35	14	8	13	57	47	50
Coventry City	34	14	8	12	38	36	50
Manchester Utd	35	12	12	11	45	35	48
QPR	36	13	9	14	42	45	48
Chelsea	36	12	10	14	44	55	46
West Ham Utd	36	12	9	15	47	58	45
Southampton	35	12	5	18	59	62	41
Sheffield Wed	35	10	11	14	46	52	41
Newcastle Utd	36	10	10	16	42	55	40
Oxford United	36	9	12	15	37	59	39
Leicester City	36	10	7	19	48	66	37
Charlton	36	8	10	18	35	50	34
Aston Villa	36	7	12	17	38	68	33
Manchester City	36	6	14	16	30	51	32

"Someone is going to face the backlash and I don't want it to be us".

Without the influential Molby (who was injured, ironically, playing for his country against his club colleagues in midweek), Liverpool must realise Clough's worst fears if they are to keep the trophy that they hold within their grasp. Their hopes may have diminished by the end of the holiday anyway.

Newcastle United and Manchester United, the guests and hosts of Everton and Liverpool respectively on Monday, happen to be facing each other today. Local interest at St James's Park will centre on Goddard's attempt to equal the record, set by Len White in 1961, of scoring in seven successive League games.

Clemence, unless he becomes the victim of an unforeseen accident this morning, is assured of breaking a record. When he steps out at White Hart Lane, he will be making his 1099th first team appearance, one more than another former Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper, Jennings.

After collecting only a point at Manchester City on Wednesday, Tottenham can no longer be realistically regarded as contenders. Even if they can concentrate throughout the rest of their crowded programme, the thought of participating in the FA Cup final next month will inevitably distract them.

Lennie Lawrence, for one, will hope that they are already mentally preparing for Wembley. He acknowledges that his Charlton Athletic side "need to win three of our last six matches to survive". If Tottenham are alert, the equation by tonight should be three out of the last five.

Since the first division relegation candidates are not in direct opposition today, the heated battle for safety may be postponed until Monday. It is then that Charlton will take on Villa and Sheffield Wednesday will be at home to Manchester City in fixtures of genuine import.

After Derby County's defeat yesterday, Portsmouth's visit to Reading has become even more significant. If they win at Elm Park, they will regain the leadership of the second division. If they win their local derby against Plymouth Argyle as well, they will be assured of at least a place in the play-offs.

That in itself will be a relief. Two years ago they lost three out of their last seven games and narrowly missed promotion. Last year their collapse was even worse. They lost four out of their last seven and suffered the same fate. Surely it cannot happen for the third time, can it?

Spirited Rovers halt title march

By Ian Ross

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Derby County................. 1

Derby County's seemingly inexorable drive towards promotion was halted in its tracks at Ewood Park yesterday.

While a first League defeat in 14 outings stretching back to January should hardly prove to be terminal bearing in mind the seven point advantage they still enjoy over third placed Oldham Athletic, the confidence which goes hand in hand with a feeling of invincibility will have been dissipated to a certain degree.

Arthur Cox's side paid a high price for their inability to cope with a brave second half performance by Blackburn which was more than good enough to earn the three points on offer and almost certainly guarantee second division survival.

County enjoyed the sweeter moments of an, at times, overphysical first half yet seemed curiously vulnerable whenever their opponents held their plentiful enthusiasm in check long enough to penetrate a rigidly enforced offside trap.

After Garner had squandered an early chance, County took command of the midfield and with it the match. They enjoyed overwhelming superiority for the best part of 20 minutes yet failed to find a way through a rear guard which always looked susceptible to the flighted pass particularly down the left flank where Callaghan was much in evidence.

While Davison, County's robust centre forward, was the most painful thorn in Blackburn's exposed side throughout the first half it was he who was guilty of missing chances that were, in the final count, to prove decisive. Davison, the victim of a late Keeley challenge in the thirty eighth minute, was forced to retire shortly after the interval and that changed the complexion of the game. Derby were but a pale shadow of their former selves after his departure.

Blackburn, defiant in the face of a technically superior side, weathered that early storm admirably before striking back with a vengance in the 26th minute. Hendry's delightful pass down the right release Price, the fullback, who drove the ball across the face of goal with one audacious flick. Garner, faced by Steele, the advancing County goalkeeper, controlled quite beautifully on his chest before volleying home.

The excitement evaporated thereafter only to resurface just six minutes into the second period when County deservedly drew level through Hindmarch. Four minutes later the game underwent another transformation when Garner, pursuing a Price pass, shook off two defenders before comfortably beating O'Keefe from close range. An improbable defeat for County was sealed after 62 minutes when Blades, under pressure from Curry lofted the ball high over his own goalkeeper and into the top corner.

BLACKBURN ROVERS: V O'Keefe; C Price, C Sulley, S Barker, G Keeley, C Hendrie, I Miller, A Ainscow, S Curry, S Garner, S Sellars.

DERBY COUNTY: E Steele, P Blades, M Forsyth, G Williams, R Hindmarch, R MacLaren, G Micklewhite, P Gee, B Davison (sub: M Lillis), J Gregory, N Callaghan.

Referee: K Baker (Rugby)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Derby County	37	21	9	7	56	33	72
Portsmouth	35	21	8	6	46	21	71
Oldham Ath	35	19	8	8	56	36	65
Ipswich Town	36	16	10	10	52	36	58
Plymouth Argyle	36	15	11	10	56	47	58
Leeds United	35	15	10	10	44	35	55
Crystal Pal	36	17	4	15	47	45	55
Sheffield Utd	36	13	11	12	46	45	50
Stoke City	35	13	10	12	50	40	49
Blackburn Rvrs	37	13	9	15	40	47	48
Millwall	36	13	7	16	35	37	46
Birmingham City	36	10	15	11	45	51	45
Reading	35	12	8	15	44	51	44
West Bromwich	35	11	10	14	43	50	43
Barnsley	36	10	12	14	40	46	42
Grimsby Town	36	10	12	14	35	47	42
Hull City	35	10	11	14	31	50	41
Sunderland	35	10	10	15	39	48	40
Bradford City	35	10	9	16	47	53	39
Shrewsbury Tn	36	11	6	19	31	47	39
Huddersfield Tn	36	9	11	16	45	58	38
Brighton	35	7	11	17	31	46	32

AC Milan complete signings

Milan (AP) — AC Milan yesterday deposited with the Italian football league copies of the signed contracts of Ruud Gullit and Marco Van Basten, the Dutch stars who will play for the team next season.

Van Basten and Gullit will replace in Milan's line-up the English duo of Mark Hateley and Ray Wilkins. Italian league clubs can field only two foreign players in the championship.

The transfer of Gullit from PVS Eindhoven was announced some time ago but Van Basten, the Ajax striker, had been denying he had signed with the Italian club.

Gullit, who was presented to the Italian press in Milan earlier this week, became the second-highest paid player in Italy's soccer history after Napoli's Argentine star Diego Maradona.

Milan paid a transfer fee of 11 billion lire (£4.9 million) to get Gullit and granted him a personal yearly contract of 900 million lire for three seasons.

The terms of Van Basten's contract were not immediately known.

Chelsea pay up

Chelsea have agreed to pay Steve Francis, a former goalkeeper, half of a signing on fee which he had complained had not been received. Chelsea's decision follows an appeal by the player to the Football League.

Francis, who will receive about £200, said: "I am very satisfied with the outcome", while John Hollins, Chelsea's manager, would only say: "I am glad to see Steve is doing so well at Reading".

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Drama at Brands Hatch: Trevor Nation (right) on the tail of Phil Mellor during yesterday's racing

Ballesteros finds brother gives him a bad image

From Mel Webb
Cannes

Severiano Ballesteros, who over the years has had more than a nodding acquaintance with controversy, bumped into his old friend again here yesterday when he found himself breaking a rule imposed by a committee of which he is a member.

Ballesteros has played both rounds of the Suze Open with his brother Vicente caddying for him, having been told that in December the Tournament Players' Committee passed in his absence a resolution barring any professional from carrying the bag of another in a European PGA tournament to guard against players gaining an unfair advantage.

Vicente, one of the team of professionals at La Manga, caddied for his brother last week in the US Masters. That cost Ballesteros nothing — the USPGA have no rules covering the circumstances — but this time the Spaniard will have to dip into his pocket and pay a £50 fine.

The fine will go up to £100 next week when Severiano and Vicente continue their partnership in the Cepsa Madrid Open, and will continue to be doubled every time the brothers set foot on a course together in a tournament.

Ballesteros is, to put it at its mildest, not happy with the rule. It is not the money that bothers him — "That's tax-deductible, anyway" he said — but what he sees as a matter of principle.

"It's the most ridiculous rule I have ever heard," he said. "They say it gives the game a bad image. How can it be that my brother gives a bad image? He is as good as any caddy. He is my teacher as well as my caddy, but he does not coach me on the golf course. Sure, he helps me with my lines on the green like any caddy, but he doesn't even keep my yardages — I do that."

The Tournament Players' Committee meet again in Madrid, and Ballesteros intends to raise the matter there. He will argue that the old rule, which merely prevented anydbody holding a tour card from caddying, was more than adequate. He has, he admits, a vested interest — Vicente has never played on the tour.

In fact, having his brother alongside him did not help Ballesteros one way or the other yeaterday. In a manner reminiscent of the young Ballesteros, he sprinkled his round of 70 with waywardness and brilliance in almost equal measure. Three shots adrift of par after only three holes, he then had three birdies in four holes to turn in an even-par 36.

Two more shots slipped away at the 192-yard 11th, where he pushed his six-iron tee shot under a tree to the right of the green. A visit to a nearby bunker and a missed putt from three feet left him with a five.

However, a run of three birdies from the 13th, helped each time by a 15ft putt, and another at the last, brought him back in 34 for a score of 139. That was not good enough, though, to give him the lead. Ian Woosnam added six birdies in an inward half of 30 to three going out to return a course record-breaking round of 64 and a halfway score of 137, seven under par.

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES (GB unless stated): 137: I Woosnam, 73, 64. 139: S Ballesteros (Sp), 69, 70. 140: P Curry, 70, 70. 141: P Walton, 72, 69; C Moody, 73, 68; W Adcock (US), 73, 68. 142: M McNulty (SA), 68, 74. 143: G Brand jnr, 69, 74; S Bishop, 71, 72; M Persson (Swe), 71, 72. 144: J Heggarty, 73, 71; D Smyth, 73, 71; D Williams, 76, 68; J Hawkes (SA), 72, 72; S Torrance, 72, 72; W McColl, 73, 71. 145: W Smith (Aus), 73, 72; W Riley (Aus), 74, 71.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	443	4	10	408	4
2	208	3	11	192	3
3	340	4	12	411	4
4	386	4	13	403	4
5	138	3	14	540	5
6	383	4	15	166	3
7	549	5	16	508	5
8	501	5	17	426	4
9	447	4	18	352	4
Out	3,395	36	In	3,406	36

Total yardage: 6,801   Par: 72

Britons six behind

The three Britons, Sandy Lyle, Nick Faldo and Ken Brown were six shots behind the early leader, Mark Hayes after the first round of the $650,000 Heritage Golf Classic on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

A sizzling display by Hayes produced a new seven-under-par 64 course record and gave the 37-year-old Olklahoma golfer an impressive two-stroke first-round lead. Hayes, without a PGA victory in a decade birdied the first three holes to turn round 6-under-par on 30. The previous best score over the front nine was first set back in 1975 when the Jack Nicklaus stormed round in 31.

FIRST ROUND LEADERS (US unless stated): 64 M Hayes. 66 B Langer (WG), J Cook, H Twitty, S Hoch, M Calcavecchia. 67 D Frost (SA), S Jones. 68 F Zoeller, J Inman, C Rose, B Upper, D Ogrin. 69 L Wadkins, R Floyd, C Pavin, J Miller. GB scores: 70 S Lyle, N Faldo, K Brown

American lesson for British

By Michael Scott

America's finest handed out a drubbing to the British motorcycle racing team at Brands Hatch yesterday, the first day of the Shell Oils Transatlantic Challenge series. It left the despondent home team captain, Ron Haslam, hoping for rain if there is to be any hope of redressing the balance at Donington Park tomorrow and Monday.

After three out of nine legs, the US team lead Britain by 355 points to 260.

But in spite of what now seems a foregone conclusion in the overall result, intense personal rivalry between the two top Americans meant the racing was anything but dull.

Kevin Schwantz (Suzuki) and Wayne Rainey (Honda) even collided in the final bend of the second leg, a finale to a thrilling race that Rainey won while Schwantz was thrown out of the saddle as his bike slid, then gripped. Amazingly, he regained control to finish second.

Schwantz had won the first race narrowly from the Californian Rainey, so this reversal put paid to the Texan's hopes of winning the crock of 12 gold ingots valued at £100,000, offered to the victor of all nine races.

The top British team member in all three races has been Richard Scott (Honda). The top points scorer behind Schwantz and Rainey was the Canadian Gary Goodfellow, the United States team member, who was twice third and once fourth.

Haslam, team captain, qualified seventh, but was slowed by brake trouble in the first leg, and by mechanical troubles in the last. His best finish was ninth in the second race.

Schwantz seemed to have the second race race won as they went into the last lap, then he left his braking too late for the Druids Hill hairpin, and left enough room for Rainey to slip past on the inside.

At the entry to the final Clearways curve, Schwantz attempted a final forceful overtaking manoeuvre, his Suzuki struck Rainey's Honda and both riders slowed dramatically. But Rainey emerged in front, and Schwantz's efforts to accelerate past him again instead resulted in a vicious slide and a narrow escape from a crash.

The next three legs are tomorrow, and the final three on Monday, all at Donington, where wet conditions would halp the home team.

FIRST DAY RESULTS: First race: 1, K Schwantz (USA, Suzuki), 13min 16.6 sec, 87.00mph; 2, W Rainey (USA, Honda), 13:16.9; 3, M Mercier (USA, Suzuki) 13:28.5. Fastest Lap: W Rainey, 49.1 sec, 88.24mph (record). Second race: 1, W Rainey (USA, Honda), 13:13.3, 87.39mph; 2, K Schwantz (USA, Suzuki), 13:14.8; 3, G Goodfellow (USA, Suzuki), 13:23.4. Fastest lap: W Rainey, 48.9 sec, 88.60mph (record). Third race: 1, K Schwantz (USA, Suzuki), 13:11.5, 87.58mph; 2, W Rainey (USA, Honda), 13:11.7; 3, G Goodfellow (USA, Suzuki), 13:22.1. Fastest lap: W Rainey, 48.7 sec, 88.97mph (record).

Plucky Saints scare Wigan

By Keith Macklin

The Wigan crowd were stunned into silence by a remarkable first-half display by a scratch St Helens side consisting of three first teamers and 10 reserves and trialists. After 17 minutes the patchwork Saints side had run up a 12-6 lead and the champions were shaken and disorganized.

Wigan managed to pull themselves together to lead 18-12 at half time, and they took no further chances in the second half, pounding the St Helens line as the brave Saints' youngsters tired under the onslaught. Wigan finally won comfortably 42-12, and in doing so set up a new first division record of 54 points, ironically beating the St Helens' seasonal record of 53. Wigan now need only three more match points to equal another St Helens record of 920 points in a season.

Ellery Hanley scored two more tries, and the other Wigan try scorers were Bell (2), Gill, Gregory and Kiss, Stephenson landing six goals and Gill one. The St Helens try-scorers were Price, one of the young trialists, and a forward Forber, Dwyer kicking two goals in a brave first half performance.

Elsewhere the relegation situation became more fascinating with yesterday's results. Both Widnes and Salford pulled a little further away from the threat of the drop, but their victories were cliffhanger affairs.

Widnes had to battle all the way to beat their rivals Warrington 25-19 in a local derby game while Salford conceded three tries in seven second half minutes against Oldham before clinging on to win 36-30. This latest defeat suddenly plunges Oldham into the relegation boat, and they can hardly be happy that their final game on Monday is against Wigan.

Hull are another side still in relegation trouble, and they were beaten 21-8 in the Humberside derby, Clark getting a fine try and Fairbairn four goals for the winners. Monday's games are now absolutely crucial.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Cameraman to sue Piquet

A Brazilian television cameraman is planning to sue Nelson Piquet, the former formula one world motor racing champion for assault. The cameraman, Fernando Nelson, works for the powerful 'TV Globo' network and claims the Williams-Honda driver threw an iron bar at him in Brasilia's Palace of Justice last Monday, injuring his leg.

Piquet, who was appearing there in connection with his divorce, is alleged to have punched one photographer and thrown iron bars stacked outside the courtroom, at other pressmen. The incident followed unsuccessful attempts by Piquet to shake off the scores of journalists waiting for him after the hearing.

Top signing

Mohinder Amarnath, the Indian cricketer with more than 4,000 Test runs to his name, is to join Guisborough, the North Yorkshire and South Durham League club, as their new professional.

Piquet: Piqued

Easy does it

The British women's real tennis team gained an unassailable lead against Australia in yesterday's inaugural match between the two at Holyport, near Maidenhead. Britain won the first four matches without losing a set, leaving Helen Clarke, the world champion from Melbourne, to play a dead rubber against Katrina Allen, the British No. 1.

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Final chance

Shamrock Rovers will contest their fourth consecutive FAI Cup final after a 1-0 win over Sligo Rovers in a semi-final replay at the Sligo Showground earlier this week. Noel Larkin scored the only goal with two minutes remaining.

Giving chase

Bjorn Waldegaard, chasing a fourth victory in the Safari Rally, had his lead cut yesterday by nearly two minutes at the end of the second section at Kabarnet, about 240km north-west of Nairobi.

Driving a Toyota Supra, the Swede was four minutes and nine seconds up on Finland's Hannu Mikkola, competing in his 99th world championship rally, after Thursday's opening section. But at the end of the 542km section, Mikkola, in an Audi 200 Quattro, had reduced the difference by 1min 47sec to 2min 22sec in what is already a two-horse race, with Waldegaard seeking a third win for Toyota after those in 1984 and 1986.

New record in speed skiing

Graham Wilkie, a British skier, yesterday set a world ski-racing record speed of 132.06 mph (212.5kph) in Les Arcs, France.

This breaks the previous world records of Franz Weber, of Austria, in 1983, and a speed of 212.1kph which was set by an American competitor, C. J. Muller, minutes before Wilkie made his historic run.

Expressing "exhilaration" at the achievement, Wilkie, from Guildford in Surrey, said: "It was like going into a time warp."

Speed skiing records are broken only with an exceptional combination of snow conditions, altitude, gradients and, most important of all, the physical and mental preparation of the skier.

Wilkie slipped and struggled down a nursery slope for the first time in 1983. His speed skiing successes began in 1985 when he won the Ford World Amateur Championship.

Llewellin takes lead

David Llewellin, driving an Audi Quattro Coupe, took an early lead in the Rothmans Circuit of Ireland Rally which began in Belfast yesterday. After only 30 miles over closed public roads he had opened a lead of 16 seconds (a special correspondent writes).

Llewellin, the winner in 1986, was followed by Russell Brookes in his Opel Kadette, with Phil Collins hard on his heels in his privately-run Ford Sierra Cosworth.

The rally moves into Southern Ireland for a further seven stages today and finishes in Waterford tomorrow evening.

RESULTS: (after three stages): 1, D Llewellin (Audi Quattro Coupe), 35.24; 2, R Brookes (Opel Kadette), 35.40; 3, P Collins (Ford Sierra Cosworth), 35.44; 4, J McRae (Ford Sierra Cosworth), 36.11; 5, G Evans (Ford Sierra Cosworth), 38.23.